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Michael Cohen pleads guilty, Paul Manafort convicted

Protester Bill Christeson holds up a sign saying "guilty" as the first count of guilty comes in at the trial of former Donald Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, at federal court in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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Ex-Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort guilty of 8 charges

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT, CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER**

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) —

Paul Manafort, the longtime political operative who for months led Donald Trump's successful presidential campaign, was found guilty of eight financial crimes Tuesday in the first trial victory of the special counsel investigation into the president's associates.

A judge declared a mistrial on 10 other counts the jury could not agree on.

The verdict was part of a stunning one-two punch of bad news for the White House, coming as the president's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, was pleading guilty in New York to campaign finance charges arising from hush money payments made to two women who say they had sexual relationships with Trump.

The jury returned the decision after deliberating four days on tax and bank fraud charges against Manafort, who led Trump's election effort during a crucial



Paul Manafort's wife Kathleen Manafort, left, with defense team attorney Jay Nanavati, right, leave federal court after Manafort, the longtime political operative who for months led Donald Trump's winning presidential campaign, was found guilty of eight financial crimes in the first trial victory of the special counsel investigation into the president's associates in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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stretch of 2016, including as he clinched the Republican nomination and during the party's convention.

Manafort, who appeared jovial earlier in the day amid signs the jury was struggling in its deliberations, focused intently on the jury as the

clerk read off the charges. He stared down blankly at the defense table, then looked up, expressionless, as the judge finished thanking the jury.

"Mr. Manafort is disappointed of not getting acquittals all the way through or a complete hung jury on all counts," said defense lawyer Kevin Downing. He said Manafort was evaluating all his options.

The jury found Manafort guilty of five counts of filing false tax returns on tens of millions of dollars in Ukrainian political consulting income. He was also convicted of failing to report foreign bank accounts in 2012 and of two bank fraud charges that accused him of lying to obtain millions of dollars in loans after his consulting income dried up.

The jury couldn't reach a verdict on three other foreign bank account charges, and the remaining bank fraud and conspiracy counts.

The outcome, though not the across-the-board guilty verdicts prosecutors sought, almost certainly guarantees years of prison for Manafort. It also appears to vindicate the ability of special counsel Robert Mueller's team to secure

convictions from a jury of average citizens despite months of partisan attacks, including from Trump, on the investigation's integrity. The verdict also raised immediate questions of whether the president would seek to pardon Manafort, the lone American charged by Mueller to opt for trial instead of cooperate. The president has not revealed his thinking but spoke sympathetically throughout the trial of his onetime aide, at one point suggesting he had been treated worse than gangster Al Capone.

The president Tuesday called the outcome a "disgrace" and said the case "has nothing to do with Russia collusion."

The trial did not resolve the central question behind Mueller's investigation — whether Trump associates coordinated with Russia to influence the election. Still, there were occasional references to Manafort's work on the campaign, including emails showing him lobbying Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner on behalf of a banker who approved \$16 million in loans because he wanted a job in the Trump administration. Manafort urged Kushner to consider the banker, Ste-

phen Calk, for Secretary of the Army. Though Kushner responded to Manafort's email by saying, "On it!" Calk ultimately did not get an administration post.

For the most part, jurors heard detailed and sometimes tedious testimony about Manafort's finances and what prosecutors allege was a years-long tax-evasion and fraud scheme. Manafort decided not to put on any witnesses or testify himself. His attorneys said he made the decision because he didn't believe the government had met its burden of proof.

His defense team attempted to make the case about the credibility of longtime Manafort protege Rick Gates, attacking the government's star witness as a liar, embezzler and instigator of any crimes as they tried to convince jurors that Manafort didn't willfully violate the law.

Gates spent three days on the stand, telling jurors how he committed crimes alongside Manafort for years. He admitted to doctoring documents, falsifying information and creating fake loans to lower his former boss' tax bill, and also acknowledged stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars without Manafort's knowledge by filing fake expense reports.

Beyond the testimony, prosecutors used emails and other documents to try to prove that Manafort concealed from the IRS, in offshore accounts, millions of dollars in Ukrainian political consulting fees. Overall, they said, he avoided paying more than \$16 million in taxes.

Central to the government's case were depictions of an opulent lifestyle, including a \$15,000 ostrich jacket, luxury suits and elaborate real estate that prosecutors say was funded through offshore wire transfers from shell companies in Cyprus and elsewhere.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III repeatedly grew impatient with prosecutors as they sought to demonstrate Manafort's garish tendencies. □

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Cohen pleads guilty, implicates Trump in hush-money scheme

By LARRY NEUMEISTER and TOM HAYS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer and fixer, pleaded guilty Tuesday to campaign-finance violations and other charges, saying Trump directed him to arrange the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy boy model to influence the election.

Cohen's account appears to implicate Trump himself in a crime, though whether — or when — a president can be prosecuted remains a matter of legal dispute.

The guilty plea was part of a double dose of bad news for Trump: It came at almost the same moment his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort was convicted in Alexandria, Virginia, of eight financial crimes in the first trial to come out of special counsel Robert Mueller's sprawling Russia investigation.

In a deal reached with federal prosecutors, Cohen, 51, pleaded guilty to eight counts, including tax evasion. He could get about four to five years in prison at sentencing Dec. 12.

In entering the plea, Cohen did not name the two women or even Trump, recounting instead that he worked with an "unnamed candidate."

But the amounts and the dates all lined up with the \$130,000 paid to Daniels and the \$150,000 that went to Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal to buy their silence in the weeks and months leading up to the 2016 White House election. Both women claimed to have had affairs with Trump, which he denies.

Cohen, his voice shaky as he answered questions from a federal judge, said one payment was "in coordination and at the direction of a candidate for federal office," and the other was made "under direction of the same candidate."

Daniel Petalas, a former prosecutor in the Justice Department's public integ-

rity section, said, "This brings President Trump closer into the criminal conduct."

"The president has certain protections while a sitting president, but if it were true, and he was aware and tried to influence an election, that could be a federal felony offense," Petalas said. "This strikes close to home."

However, in the charging documents, a news release and comments outside the courthouse, prosecutors did not go as far as Cohen did in open court in pointing the finger at the president. Prosecutors said Cohen acted "in coordination with a candidate or campaign for federal office for purposes of influencing the election."

As cable networks were showing split-screen coverage of the conviction and plea bargain by two of his former loyalists, Trump himself boarded Air Force One on his way to a rally in West Virginia and ignored shouted questions about the men.

Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, noted in a statement that "there is no allegation of any wrongdoing against the president in the government's charges against Mr. Cohen."

After the court hearing, which ended with Cohen released on \$500,000 bail, the lawyer wiped away tears as he gazed out a courthouse window. He left the building and headed straight for a black SUV with tinted windows. A couple of people outside chanted, "Lock him up!" as they recorded the scene with their phones.

Under federal law, expenditures to protect a candidate's political fortunes can be construed as campaign contributions, subject to federal laws that bar donations from corporations and set limits on how much can be given.

"If those payments were a crime for Michael Cohen, then why wouldn't they be a crime for Donald Trump?" Cohen's lawyer, Lanny Davis, tweeted.

Cohen's plea follows months of scrutiny from

federal investigations and a falling-out with the president, for whom Cohen once said he would "take a bullet."

The FBI raided Cohen's hotel room, home and office in April and seized more than 4 million items. The search sought bank records, communications with Trump's campaign and information on the payments to the two women.

According to prosecutors, the payment to McDougal was made through the parent company of the National Enquirer. Cohen made the payment to Daniels through his own company and then was reimbursed by Trump, he said.

Trump denied to reporters in April that he knew anything about Cohen's payments to Daniels, but the explanations from him and Giuliani have shifted multiple times since.

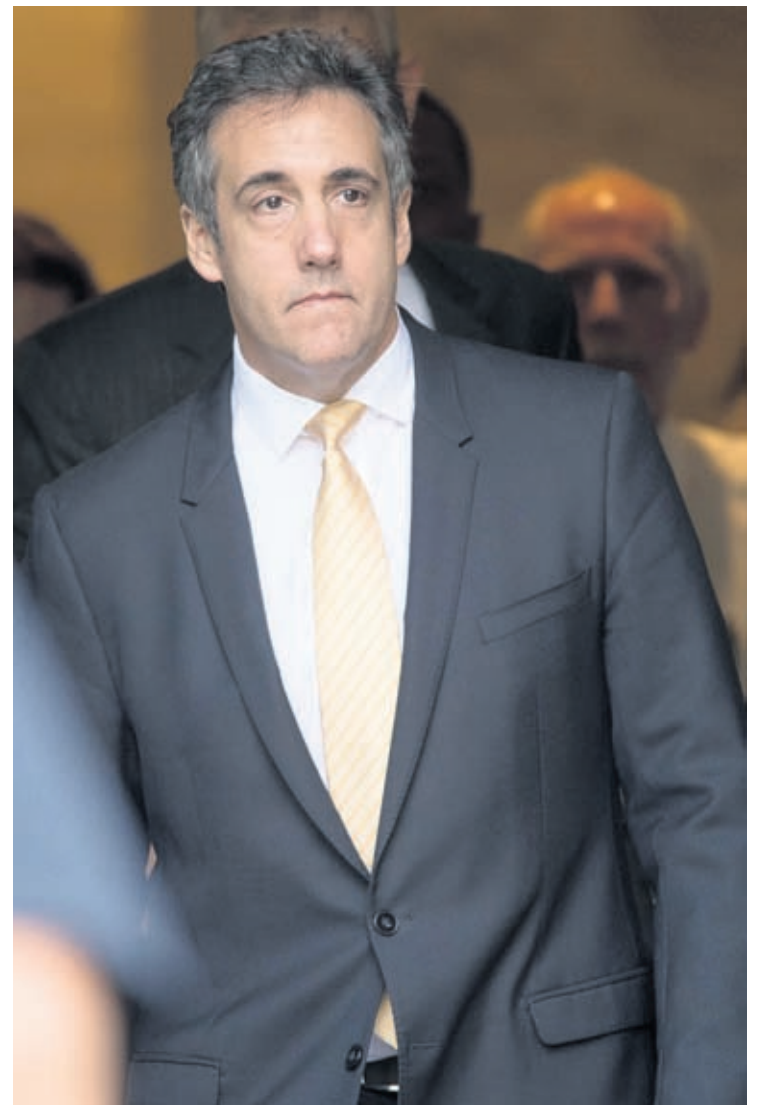
The president has fumed publicly about the raid, branding it "a witch hunt," an assault on attorney-client privilege and a politically motivated attack by enemies in the FBI. But privately he has worried about what information Cohen may have after working for the Trump Organization for a decade.

"Obviously it's not good for Trump," Sol Wisenberg, who conducted grand jury questioning of President Bill Clinton during the White-water investigation, said of the plea bargain.

"I'm assuming he's not going to be indicted because he's a sitting president," Wisenberg added. "But it leads him closer to ultimate impeachment proceedings, particularly if the Democrats take back the House."

The Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel has held that a president cannot be indicted while in office. Trump's lawyers have said that Mueller plans to adhere to that guidance, though Mueller's office has never confirmed that. There would presumably be no bar against charging a president after he leaves the White House.

Daniels said Tuesday that



Michael Cohen, former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump, leaves his apartment building, in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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she and her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, feel vindicated and look forward to apologies "from the people who claimed we were wrong."

Nothing made public so far indicates Cohen has agreed to cooperate with prosecutors, but Avenatti said he is certain that is happening.

Mueller's team, which is looking into Russian interference in the presidential election, came across some of the evidence against Cohen in the course of its investigation and referred the matter to federal prosecutors in New York.

Deputy U.S. Attorney Robert Khuzami said that in addition to the campaign finance violations, Cohen failed to report more than \$4 million in income between 2012 and 2016, including \$1.3 million from his taxi medallion holdings.

Cohen also lied to a financial institution by failing to disclose more than \$14 mil-

lion in debt and obtaining a \$500,000 home equity line of credit he wasn't entitled to, Khuzami said. Cohen used that credit line to fund the Daniels payment, prosecutors said.

After making the hush money payments, Cohen submitted phony invoices to Trump's company, ostensibly for services rendered in 2017, the prosecutor said.

"Those involves were a sham," Khuzami said. "He provided no legal services for the year 2017. It was simply a means to obtain reimbursement for the unlawful contributions."

Before the election, Cohen had been a trusted member of the Trump organization, working out of an office in Trump Tower next to one used by his boss. He raised millions for Trump's campaign.

The president's initial support for Cohen after the raid soon degenerated into a public feud, with Cohen hinting he might cut a deal with prosecutors. □

Poll: Support for school choice growing among Republicans

By MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Support for charter schools and private school voucher programs has gone up over the past year, with Republicans accounting for much of the increase, according to a survey published Tuesday.

The findings by Education Next, a journal published by Harvard's Kennedy School and Stanford University, come as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos promotes alternatives to traditional public schools.

Forty-four percent of respondents in the poll conducted in May said they support the expansion of charter schools, compared to 39 percent in 2017. The gain of 5 percentage points, however, did not fully offset the drop in support from 51 percent in 2016.

When broken down according to party affiliation, 57 percent of Republicans and 36 percent of Demo-



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies during hearing on the FY19 budget on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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crats voiced support for charter schools, compared to 47 percent of Republicans and 34 percent of Democrats in 2017.

"Support is up among Republicans for various strategies to expand school choice, and the Trump administration's embrace

of those policies is a likely explanation," said Martin West, associate professor of education at Harvard University and a co-author of the report.

Nina Rees, president of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools said the findings "demonstrate through the educational choices they make for their children - families want high-quality charter school options for their kids.

"Above all else, parents care that their child has access to an excellent school, and as education advocates it is our job to ensure that wish becomes a reality," Rees added.

Support for publicly funded vouchers given to low-income families to help them pay tuition at private school rose from 37 percent to 42 percent over the past year. The Education Department welcomed the results of the poll.

"The data consistently show that parents want more education options for their kids and when they are empowered with options, they like it and their kids benefit," said press secretary Elizabeth Hill. "Education freedom is the future." Some experts, however, were skeptical.

Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Pub-

lic Education, welcomed the increased support for charters, but noted that it has risen almost entirely among Republicans.

"I don't think that an education policy that's designed to get better outcomes for kids should ever be a partisan issue," Lake said.

Scott Sargrad with the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, said the question on vouchers was misguided because it didn't mention that funds going to private schools will be diverted from public schools.


"In reality, when given that choice, parents and teachers overwhelmingly agree that public money should support the public schools that serve 90 percent of our nation's students," Sargrad said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Americans seem to be more satisfied with their local police and the post office than with their neighborhood school. While 51 percent of respondents said they would give their local schools a grade of A or B, 68 percent gave the local post office a similar grade and 69 percent the local police.

"It makes sense that only 50 percent of Americans are giving their public school a good grade of an A or a B that they would express support for alternatives to those public schools," said Patrick McGuinn, a professor of political science and education at Drew University.

In the Black Lives Matter era, African-American respondents gave their local police much lower marks than other respondents, but their views of their local schools were even worse. Thirty-nine percent gave their local schools an A or a B, while the local police force received such marks from 43 percent of African-American respondents.

The study also found that many Americans favor raising teacher salaries and increasing school funding in the aftermath of teachers walking out of schools in six states earlier this spring to protest pay and other issues. □



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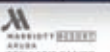



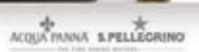
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Crews recover body of man swept away in Wisconsin flooding

By TODD RICHMOND

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) —

Searchers on Tuesday recovered the body of a man who was wrenched away from would-be rescuers during flash flooding that forced evacuations around Wisconsin's capital city and cut power to many homes.

More than 11 inches (28 centimeters) of rain fell overnight in places in or around Madison, according to the National Weather Service. The worst of the weather seemed to have passed by midday Tuesday, with the forecast calling for dry conditions Tuesday night and sunshine on Wednesday and Thursday. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday evening declared a state of emergency in flood-stricken Dane County, saying the state is ready to assist in recovery efforts.

"I have no doubt the resiliency of Wisconsin communities will be on display during this response," Walker said in a statement. The governor plans to tour the flood damage on Wednesday.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin and U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan sent a letter Tuesday to President Donald Trump, asking him to provide federal assistance for flood recovery efforts if Walker seeks a federal disaster declaration.

"We've obviously had a very dangerous and unprecedented situation," Mayor Paul Soglin said at a news conference. "We've seen snow storms. We've seen ice storms. We've seen tornadoes. Obviously we've never seen a rain like this."

The man who died was in his 70s, police spokesman Joel DeSpain said in a statement. The man was driving a car with two passengers near a Madison park on Monday when it stalled in flood waters and was swept into a drainage

ditch. The car came to rest nose down and quickly filled with water.

The Capital Times reported that Madison Alderman Matt Phair and his wife were out biking during a lull in the storm and saw the car in the ditch.

Phair told the newspaper they waded up to the car in water that was three or four feet deep, and he pulled out the two passengers, who were described by police as a man in his 70s and a woman in her 50s.

The male passenger made it solid ground but the woman slipped under. Phair said he and his wife saved her by grabbing her hair.

A third man joined in to help. The driver made it out of the car but the rescuers couldn't hold on to him in the rushing water and he was sucked under the car. "The force is overwhelming, and eventually he slipped and went under,"



A milk truck was damaged early morning Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, when it fell into the missing section of a bridge over Highway 14 in Black Earth, Wis.

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said Phair, who added that he did what anyone would have done.

The police statement didn't include the names of those involved.

Firefighters found the driver's body Tuesday morning in a retention pond about a third of a mile away.

The weather service said it suspects that the downpour broke a Wisconsin record for most rainfall in a 24-hour period. The Madison suburb of Middleton has so far recorded 11.6 inches (29.5 centimeters), but rainfall reports were still coming in. The previous record was 11.7 inches near Mellen in northern Wisconsin, set on June 24, 1946.

Black Earth Creek hit record flood stage with evacuations underway in Black Earth, Cross Plains and Mazomanie, according to Dane County Emergency Management. A temporary shelter was set up at Mazomanie Elementary School as well as at schools in Middleton and Cross Plains.

In Middleton on Tuesday morning, about a hundred people were trapped in a Costco and another hundred were trapped in a Fairfield Inn, WKOW-TV reported. Everyone at the two sites was safely evacuated, Dane County spokeswoman Stephanie Miller said Tuesday afternoon. □

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Authorities: Iowa student killed by Mexican in U.S. illegally

By RYAN FOLEY
Associated Press

MONTEZUMA, Iowa (AP) —

A man from Mexico living in the U.S. illegally has confessed to kidnapping college student Mollie Tibbetts while she was running in her small Iowa hometown, killing her and dumping her body in a cornfield, authorities said Tuesday.

Cristhian Bahena Rivera, 24, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the death of Tibbetts, whose July 18 disappearance set off a massive search involving state and federal authorities.

Rivera led investigators early Tuesday to a body believed to be Tibbetts in a cornfield about 12 miles (19 kilometers) southeast of Brooklyn, Iowa, where Tibbetts was last seen running, Division of Criminal Investigation special agent Rick Rahn said.

"I can't speak about the motive. I can just tell you that it seemed that he followed her, seemed to be drawn to her on that particular day, for whatever reason he chose to abduct her," Rahn told reporters at a news conference outside the sheriff's office in Montezuma, where Rivera was being jailed.

The news that the highly publicized and gruesome crime was allegedly committed by a person in the country illegally drew immediate outrage and calls for stricter immigration enforcement. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican, said that, "As Iowans, we are heartbroken, and we are angry."

"We are angry that a broken immigration system al-



This undated photo provided by the Iowa Department of Public Safety shows Cristhian Bahena Rivera.

lowed a predator like this to live in our community, and we will do all we can to bring justice to Mollie's killer," she said in a statement. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said that it lodged a federal immigration detainer for Rivera after he was arrested on the murder charge. That move means the agency has probable cause to believe he is subject to deportation.

Investigators said they believed Rivera had lived in the area from four to seven years. Rahn declined comment on his employment history, but described Rivera as someone who lived in a rural area and kept to himself. A search of Iowa court records revealed no

prior criminal history, and it's unclear whether he had ever been subject to prior deportation proceedings. Investigators said they zeroed in on Rivera after obtaining footage from surveillance cameras in Brooklyn. The footage showed a Chevy Malibu connected to Rivera that was driving back and forth as Tibbetts was running in the area, Rahn said.

An affidavit attached to the criminal complaint against Rivera alleged that he admitted to investigators he got out of his car and started running alongside Tibbetts.

Tibbetts grabbed her phone and said she was going to call the police. The affidavit says Rivera

panicked and then said he blacked out. Rivera next remembers seeing her earphones on his lap, and taking her bloody body out of the trunk of his car, it said.

"The defendant further described during the interview that he dragged Tibbetts on foot from his vehicle to a secluded location in a cornfield," the affidavit said.

Investigators said they had earlier searched the area for Tibbetts but didn't find her, noting the body was covered by corn stalks when recovered early Tuesday.

Rahn said that Rivera was cooperating with investigators and speaking with the help of a translator. He said an autopsy would be

performed on the body Wednesday by the state medical examiner's office, which would assist investigators in understanding whether Tibbetts had been assaulted or tried to fight him off.

A conviction on first-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole in Iowa, which doesn't have the death penalty.

Tibbetts' disappearance set off a massive search involving dozens of officers from the FBI, as well as state and local agencies. They focused much of their efforts in and around Brooklyn, searching farm fields, ponds and homes. Investigators asked anyone who was around five locations, including a car wash, a truck stop and a farm south of town, to report if they saw anything suspicious on July 18.

Last week, Vice President Mike Pence met privately with the Tibbetts family during a visit to Iowa and told them that "you're on the hearts of every American." At Brooklyn City Hall, city clerk Sheri Sharer said Tuesday was a sad day for the town.

"It never crossed our mind that she wouldn't come home safe," she said.

The University of Iowa mourned the loss of Tibbetts, a psychology major who would have started her junior year this week.

"We are deeply saddened that we've lost a member of the University of Iowa community," said university official Melissa Shivers, who urged students to seek counseling and other support services as needed. □

States aim to stop internet release of 3D-printed gun plans

By MARTHA BELLISLE

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge in Seattle hearing arguments over a settlement that allows a Texas company to post online plans for printing 3D guns said Tuesday the overall issue of such untraceable plastic weapons should be decided by the president or Congress.

U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik said he'll rule by Monday on the legal issues involving the settlement between the company and the Trump administration. He added, however, that "a solution to the greater problem is so much better suited to the other two branches of government." Nineteen states and the District of Columbia sued the federal government, alleging it reached a "covert" settlement with the company, Defense Distributed, without notifying Congress or the Department of Defense about changes it made to an export act that prohibited 3D gun plans from being posted online.

The Austin-based company is owned by Cody Wilson, a self-described "crypto-anarchist" who opposes restrictions on gun ownership. Lasnik granted a restraining order on July 31 that blocked the immediate release of the plans on-

line. The states want him to make it permanent.

Washington state Assistant Attorney General Jeff Rupert argued that the government's decision to allow the posting threatens public safety and should be reversed.

Any felon or terrorist with a laptop and a 3D printer could start making firearms that can't be seen by a metal detector, leaving airports, courthouses, jails and many government buildings and schools — vulnerable, he said.

Lasnik made it clear that he was frustrated that he only had a few days to make decisions on "probably the most significant case that I've handled as a United States District Court judge." He added, "I really hope and wish that the executive branch and Congress would face up to this."

More than a dozen members of the Washington Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America filled half the courtroom during the hearing wearing red T-shirts. They later said they agreed that the answer lies in Washington, D.C.

"We do believe in the right to own a gun, but we also believe in this country our rights rest of a foundation of shared responsibility to keep all members of so-



In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Cody Wilson, with Defense Distributed, holds a 3D-printed gun called the Liberator at his shop in Austin, Texas.

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ciety safe," group spokeswoman Sue Whitecomb said. "And we believe that is the job of Congress."

Rupert told the judge that the U.S. State Department put the public at risk when it made changes to a list of weapons that could be exported, opening the door for the online posting of 3D gun plans and the settlement with Defense Distributed.

The federal government fought the release of the plans when they were first posted online in 2013, arguing it was a threat to national security, Rupert said. That threat remains despite the government's decision to deregulate 3D gun printing.

Steven Myers, a lawyer for

the U.S. Justice Department disagreed, saying it's already illegal to possess plastic guns and the government is fully committed to enforcing that law. He argued that the states are focused on the wrong statute and the injunction should be denied.

Lasnik questioned that logic, asking how the government can be "vigorously" enforcing a law banning plastic guns but not proactively stopping the undetectable, untraceable guns from being made in the first place.

"People who don't have our best interests in mind can get these guns," which could lead to "shoe bomber" or "911 situations," Lasnik said.

Those who would fail a background check, such as mentally ill people or felons, would be able to make a gun if they had access to a 3D printer, he said. "We see children shoot other children with what they think are toy guns," he said, "and the 3D guns look even more like toy guns."

The restraining order expires on Aug. 28.

The states suing are Washington, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. □



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BERLIN (AP) — A 95-year-old former Nazi concentration camp guard who lived quietly in New York City for decades was carried out of his home on a stretcher by federal agents and flown to Germany early Tuesday in what could prove to be the last U.S. deportation of a World War II-era war-crimes suspect.

Jakiw Palij's expulsion, at President Donald Trump's urging, came 25 years after investigators first accused Palij of lying about his wartime past to get into the U.S. But it was largely symbolic because officials in Germany have repeatedly said there is insufficient evidence to prosecute him. Trump "made it very clear" he wanted Palij out of the country, and a new German government that took office in March brought "new energy" to expediting the matter, U.S. Ambassador Richard Grenell said. Eli Rosenbaum, the former head of the U.S. office investigating accused Nazi war criminals, said Palij's removal "is a landmark victory in the U.S. government's decades-long quest to achieve a measure of justice and accountability on behalf of the victims of Nazi inhumanity."

Palij lived quietly in the U.S. for years, as a draftsman and then as a retiree, until nearly three decades ago when investigators found his name on an old Nazi roster and a fellow former guard spilled the secret that he was "living somewhere in America."

Palij, an ethnic Ukrainian born in a part of Poland that is now Ukraine, said on his 1957 naturalization petition that he had Ukrainian



In this Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, frame from video, Jakiw Palij, a former Nazi concentration camp guard, is carried from his home into a waiting ambulance in the Queens borough of New York.

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citizenship. When their investigators showed up at his door in 1993, he said: "I would never have received my visa if I told the truth. Everyone lied."

A judge stripped Palij's U.S. citizenship in 2003 for "participation in acts against Jewish civilians" while he was an armed guard at the Trawniki camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and he was ordered deported a year later.

But because Germany, Poland, Ukraine and other countries refused to take him, he continued living in limbo in the two-story, red brick home in Queens he shared with his late wife, Maria. His continued presence there outraged the Jewish community, attracting frequent protests over the years that featured such chants as, "Your neighbor is a Nazi!"

According to the Justice Department, Palij served at Trawniki in 1943, the same year 6,000 prisoners in the camps and tens of thousands of other prisoners held in occupied Poland were rounded up

and slaughtered. Palij has acknowledged serving in Trawniki but denied any involvement in war crimes.

Last September, all 29 members of New York's congressional delegation signed a letter urging the State Department to follow through on his deportation. "Good riddance to this war criminal," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat.

The deportation came after weeks of diplomatic negotiations.

Grenell told reporters there were "difficult conversations" because Palij is not a German citizen and was stateless after losing his U.S. citizenship. But "the moral obligation" of taking in "someone who served in the name of the German government was accepted," he said.

Video footage from ABC News showed federal immigration agents carrying Palij out of his home Monday on a stretcher. Palij, with a fluffy white beard and a brown, newsboy-style cap atop his head,

was wrapped in a sheet as the agents carried him down a brick stairway in front of his home and into a waiting ambulance.

He ignored a reporter who shouted, "Are you a Nazi?" and "Do you have any regrets?"

Palij was flown on a specially chartered air ambulance from Teterboro, New Jersey, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and arrived in Dusseldorf, Germany, at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Palij's lawyer, Ivars Berzins, declined to comment.

The local German government in Warendorf county, near Muenster, said Palij would be taken to a care facility in the town of Ahlen. Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said "there is no line under historical responsibility," but added in a comment to the German daily Bild that doing justice to the memory of Nazi atrocities "means standing by our moral obligation to the victims and the subsequent generations."

Jens Rommel, head of the German federal prosecu-

tors' office that investigates Nazi war crimes, said Tuesday that the deportation doesn't change the likelihood that Palij will be prosecuted for war crimes. "A new investigation would only come into question if something changed in the legal evaluation or actual new evidence became known," he said.

However, Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi-hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said he hoped prosecutors would revisit the case now that Palij is in Germany.

"Trawniki was a camp where people were trained to round up and murder the Jews in Poland, so there's certainly a basis for some sort of prosecution," he said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem.

"The efforts invested by the United States in getting Palij deported are really noteworthy and I'm very happy to see that they finally met with success," he said.

Palij's deportation is the first for a Nazi war crimes suspect since Germany agreed in 2009 to take John Demjanjuk, a retired Ohio autoworker who was accused of serving as a Nazi guard. He was convicted in 2011 of being an accessory to more than 28,000 killings and died 10 months later, at age 91, with his appeal pending. Palij, whose full name is pronounced Yah-keev PAH'-lee, entered the U.S. in 1949 under the Displaced Persons Act, a law meant to help refugees from post-war Europe.

He told immigration officials that he worked during the war in a woodshop and farm in Nazi-occupied Poland, as well as at another farm in Germany and finally in a German upholstery factory. Palij said he never served in the military. □



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After bailout Odyssey, Greece ready to be 'normal' again

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece's eight-year bailout ordeal will forever be book-ended by two of the country's iconic islands.

In choosing the western island of Ithaca to declare the end of the bailout era Tuesday, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras harked back to one of the country's legendary heroes from antiquity.

From the purported home place of Odysseus, the mythical Mycenaean king whose arduous 10-year travels are immortalized in Homer's "Odyssey," Tsipras said in a televised address that Greece was ready to become a "normal" country again.

"Since 2010, Greece has undergone a modern Odyssey," he said, in a speech heavy on Homeric and nautical allusions. "Ithaca is just the beginning."

Tsipras declared that Greece has regained its financial freedom, after years of bowing to bailout creditors' demands for — sorely-needed — cutbacks and reforms.

Overlooking a small bay from the pine-forested hills, Tsipras' address provided a reminder of the beginning of Greece's crisis. In 2010, then-prime minister George Papandreou addressed the Greek people from the eastern island of Kastellorizo, informing them that the country was effectively bankrupt and had to get financial help.

In return for the loans, successive governments imposed crippling cutbacks



In this photo released by Greek Prime Minister's office, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras delivers a speech from the western Greek island of Ithaca, on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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to right the country's finances and balance budgets deeply in the red. Over the bailout era, the Greek economy contracted by a quarter and unemployment swelled with one in five still out of work. Incomes were repeatedly slashed and taxes hiked.

It's clearly been a hugely difficult and painful journey for Greece and one that has lasted almost as long as Odysseus' legendary adventures.

Odysseus was an unwilling protagonist in the 10-year Trojan War, a semi-mythical expedition by Mycenaean Greek kingdoms to conquer the city of Troy in what is now northwestern Turkey. After the fall of Troy, pursued by angry gods, Odysseus took another ten years of trials and tribulations at sea to return to Ithaca.

And once there, battered and in a beggar's rags, Odysseus found his home taken over by a bunch of youths who were badgering his faithful wife to remarry. He massacred them, and a more apocryphal story tells how later Odysseus died at the hands of his own son with the enchantress Circe.

"Now we have reached our destination," Tsipras said. "The bailouts that carried with them austerity and recession and turned our country into a social desert are over."

"Our country is regaining its right to define its own fortunes and future," he added. "Like a normal European country, without having policies forced on it by foreign officials, with no more blackmail, no more sacrifices for our people."

Greek stocks closed 1 percent down Tuesday, while the yield on the benchmark 10-year Greek bond fell slightly to 4.2 percent.

Opposition leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis, whose conservative New Democracy party is leading in Greek opinion polls ahead of scheduled parliamentary elections next year, poured scorn on Tsipras' "false" Ithaca symbolism.

"We have not reached the end of the journey," he said. "Today is the end of cheap funding, but the harsh measures and heavy commitments undertaken by Mr. Tsipras continue."

The country remains shackled to the austerity demands of its former creditors. And even though it has little fear of new calls for cutbacks from abroad, its hard-won fiscal freedom

still carries a high price.

Though the country will no longer have to pass regular checks from creditors to get money it needs to avoid bankruptcy, it cannot return to the old lax ways that put it in a mess in the first place.

During the past eight years, Greece avoided bankruptcy after getting loans worth some 260 billion euros (\$300 billion) from the other countries that use the euro currency, and from the International Monetary Fund.

Though Greece has turned a massive deficit on its annual budget into a sizeable surplus, further austerity measures remain on the horizon. Pre-agreed pension cuts and tax hikes lurk in 2019 and 2020.

Greece has a 24 billion-euro cash buffer, set up with the help of bailout funds that will provide substantial breathing space up to the summer of 2020.

After that, it will really have to stand on its own feet and as such it will have to take consideration of the demands of investors in international bond markets — any slippage on the budget front could see the interest rates they charge for Greece to borrow rise again, potentially to unsustainable rates. In the coming period, Greece must develop a working relationship with private investors, who will need robust signs of fiscal prudence, adherence to agreed reforms and economic growth to agree to place their funds in a country whose credit rating is still well below investment grade. □

Cambodian reporters charged with spying granted bail

By SOPHENG CHEANG

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Two Cambodian journalists who had worked for U.S.-funded Radio Free Asia and are charged with espionage were released Tuesday on bail, a day after a pardon freed four land rights activists from prison. Uon Chhin and Yeang Sothearin, better known by his professional name of Yeang Socheameta, were arrested last November and charged with undermining national security by supplying information to a foreign state. The two journalists were also later charged with producing pornography after police said they found pornographic images on their computers. They face



Two former Radio Free Asia reporters Uon Chhin and Yeang Socheameta hold together after they walk outside the main prison of Prey Sar, Cambodia, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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possible prison terms of up to 15 years.

Their arrests were seen as part of a crackdown on the media and political opponents ahead of last month's general election.

The election, swept by Prime Minister Hun Sen's ruling party, was widely considered unfair because the only credible opposition party was dissolved by the courts last year.

This week's releases appear to demonstrate clemency to soften international criticism of the government. Cambodia's courts have a reputation for treating critics of the government harshly, while treading softly on well-connected allies of the ruling party.

Hun Sen has a record of using a carrot and stick approach with his foes, cracking down harshly when facing a serious challenger, and then effecting a reconciliation when he no longer feels threatened. The pattern of cracking down, then relenting, also appears intended to keep his critics — such as the U.S. and EU, along with international human rights organizations — off balance.

On Monday, a prominent leader of Cambodia's land rights movement and three female activists imprisoned with her were freed under a royal pardon requested by Hun Sen. Tep Vanny had led protests against evictions from the capital's Boeng Kak lakeshore community, where the government granted a land concession to a Cambodian tycoon and a Chinese company to develop a luxury residential and commercial community.

In September last year, Radio Free Asia's Phnom Penh bureau closed its office in Cambodia after operating for 20 years, citing government intimidation of the media which it said had reached an "unprecedented level." By the end of last year, the government had closed more than a dozen radio stations — some of which had rebroadcast Radio Free Asia's programs — and

the independent English-language newspaper The Cambodia Daily was forced to shut down.

The two reporters were no longer working for RFA after their office closed, and police initially said they had been detained for running an unlicensed karaoke studio. But they were later accused of setting up a studio for RFA and charged with espionage.

A spokesman for the Phnom Penh Municipal Court, Ei Rin, said Tuesday it had issued an order for the release on bail of the two journalists as requested by their lawyer.

The pair walked out of Prey Sar prison Tuesday evening and were greeted by several dozen friends and family members.

"Frankly speaking, we are not fully receiving our freedom because we must still present ourselves upon police request," Yeang Sothearin told journalists outside the prison. "We are continuing to urge the court to drop all charges against us so that we can do our jobs, living our lives as other people do."

His colleague, Uon Chhin, vowed to stay in his profession.

"I love my job as a journalist," he said in response to a reporter's question.

The two went to a Buddhist temple to get a monk's blessings, a rite meant to get rid of bad luck.

Their detention had been sharply criticized by rights groups and journalists' associations.

The Southeast Asian Press Alliance called the charges against them "a direct assault on freedom of the media and designed to frighten other journalists into silence."

Hun Sen has been in office since 1985 and has held a tight grip on power since ousting a co-prime minister in a bloody 1997 coup. Although Cambodia, ravaged by the murderous Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s, is now nominally a democratic state, its institutions remain fragile and the rule of law weak. □



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Rockets strike Afghan capital in latest spike of violence

By AMIR SHAH
KATHY GANNON

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Rockets slammed into the heart of the capital of Kabul on Tuesday as President Ashraf Ghani delivered a speech marking a Muslim holiday, the latest in a series of brazen attacks that highlighted Afghanistan's deteriorating security.

No injuries were reported from the mortar rounds that hit in the diplomatic quarter; one struck near the presidential palace, another near a NATO compound and the U.S. Embassy, according to police official Jan Agha.

In response, Afghan helicopter gunships bombed the house from which the rockets were believed to have been launched. Hours later, at least two militants were reported killed. The booms of the mortar rounds echoed during the live broadcast of Ghani's speech commemorating the Eid al-Adha holiday, and the president interrupted his remarks to say: "If they are thinking the rocket attack will keep Afghans down, they are wrong."

The attack came amid an unrelenting wave of deadly violence across the country in recent weeks and dealt another blow to Ghani's efforts to revive peace talks to end the 17-year war. On Sunday, he had offered a holiday cease-fire, saying it would only take effect if the Taliban reciprocated.

An affiliate of the Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying its fighters had fired the shells that struck the heavily fortified



An MD 530F military helicopter targets a house where attackers are hiding in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

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Kabul neighborhood. There was no immediate comment from the Taliban.

The Interior Ministry launched an investigation into the security breach.

Former Interior Minister Noorul Haq Olomi blamed political squabbling inside Ghani's government for distracting the president's attention from security matters, allowing the near-daily violence by insurgents to continue.

"The deaths every day of our security forces is a big calamity for our country," said Olomi, now a defense analyst.

He also blamed neighboring Pakistan, saying that the international community has done too little to force Islamabad to shut down safe havens for terrorist groups inside its territory. The U.S. and Afghanistan also have routinely alleged

that Pakistan harbors Taliban insurgents, Pakistan denies the allegation and says some of the deadliest terrorist attacks on its territory have been plotted by the Islamic State affiliate based in Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.

Afghan security forces, aided by U.S. air support, have repeatedly struck IS redoubts in Nangarhar in recent months with some success, although the group still has been able to carry out attacks. Last week, it claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed 34 high school graduates, most of them Shiites, who were taking university entrance exams in Kabul. The IS affiliate is known as the Islamic State in Khorasan Province, the ancient name of an area that once spanned parts of

Iran, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

In Islamabad, new Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the rocket attack. "We are with the Afghan people and government to fully defeat this cowardly thinking," Khan said in an Urdu language statement. The Kabul neighborhood where the mortar rounds hit is one of the most secure in the capital, where embassies and government buildings are surrounded by concrete blast walls and coils of razor wire. Many streets near the U.S. Embassy are closed off, along with those near sensitive government and military installations.

"It is clear that those that carried out the attack are enemies of Afghanistan, enemies of Islam and enemies of peace," said Lt. Col. Martin O'Donnell, a spokesman for U.S. forces in

Afghanistan.

Police had noticed a suspicious vehicle and followed it to a mud-brick house near the sprawling Eid Gah mosque, where hundreds were praying during the Eid al-Adha holiday, said police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai. He told The Associated Press that the militants were believed to have fired the rockets from the house.

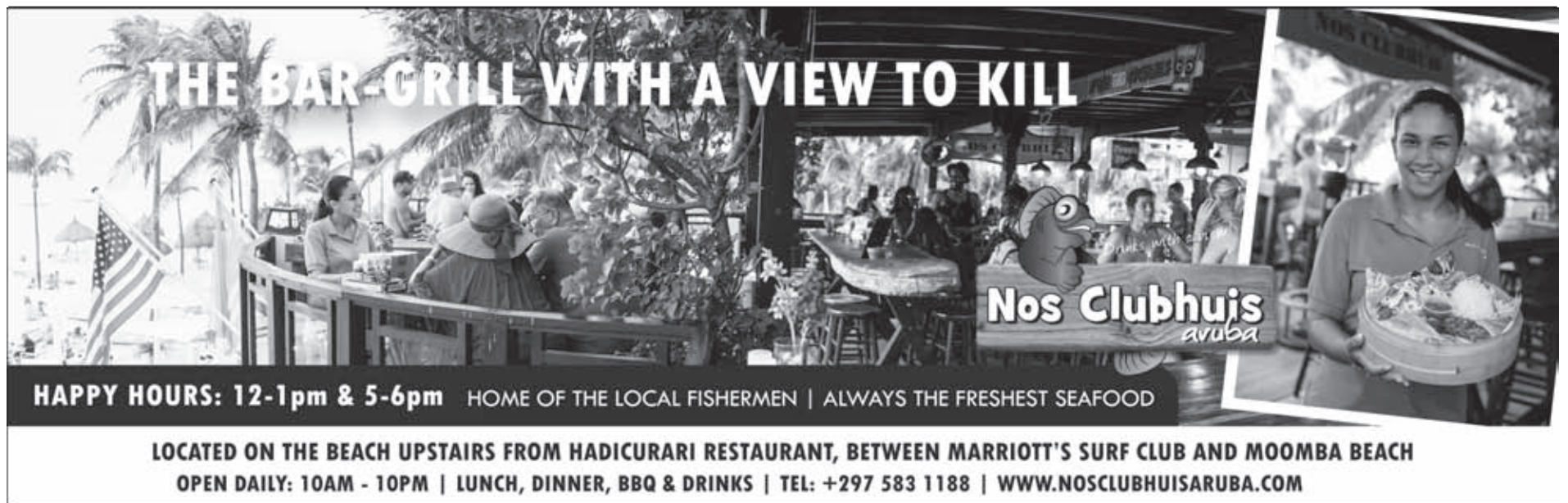
A helicopter gunship bombed the location, destroying the house and the vehicle.

After the explosions, witnesses reported sporadic shooting could be heard from the area, though it wasn't clear who was firing. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing for their safety.

O'Donnell said four attackers were killed and five surrendered. But Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said two attackers were killed. Danish initially said that two Afghan security forces were wounded in a subsequent firefight, but later revised the number to six, including some civilians. The gunbattle also ignited a fire that burned down a nearby market, he said.

The U.N. special representative to Afghanistan, Tadamichi Yamamoto, pleaded for peace on the Muslim holiday.

"To allow all Afghans to commemorate this auspicious celebration, I strongly urge the parties to the conflict to demonstrate good will, to respect this time of joy and tolerance and to refrain from resorting to violence," he said. □



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Abstentions in Brazil election could hurt governability

By MAURICIO SAVARESE
 Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Attorney Carlos Gomes is a political junkie who plunged into campaigning for national and local candidates as a teenager. Two years ago, he even moved to Sao Paulo to work for a law firm that represents several candidates for office. However, he says he won't be able to bring himself to vote in October's general election.

"This time, I can't choose," said Gomes, 30. "These candidates are either uninspiring or plain bad." Record numbers of Brazilians are expected to do the same, according to polls and studies, raising the specter that whoever wins will struggle to govern Latin America's most populous nation. It also means that the political fights of the last years, which culminated in the 2016 impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff and the ascension of Vice President Michel Temer, who has since become Brazil's least popular leader in history, are far from over. "Imagine a scenario with a president elected by one third of the electorate, beating another candidate who gets almost as much," said Carlos Melo, a political science professor at Insper university in Sao Paulo. "Congress will know that one third doesn't support him and another is against him."

Such a turnout might be celebrated in the United States, where winners typically get about half the vote of the 50 to 60 percent



In this Aug. 20, 2018 photo, electronic voting machine which will be used in presidential election, shows Portuguese word "end" at the Superior Electoral Court in Brasilia, Brazil.

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of eligible voters who turn out, but in Brazil it could turn into political battles that threaten governability. That's partly due to the fact many Brazilians remain bitter over the ouster of Rousseff, which they see more as a political overthrow than as punishment for any crime. And the country's fragmented political system — there are more than 30 parties represented in Congress — means presidents must spend much political capital forming coalitions. At the very least, a weak mandate would make that more difficult. Brazilians have long been souring on their elected leaders, in part because of a corruption scandal that is arguably the largest in Latin American history. Launched in 2014, the so-called Carwash probe into

kickbacks by construction companies has brought down many of the country's top businessmen and politicians. That includes former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who leads preference polls for October's election despite serving a 12-year-sentence for corruption.

Da Silva will most likely be barred from running, which is one of the factors expected to keep many supporters of his Workers' Party from voting. Many other former backers have long lost faith in the party, which was in power when much of the corruption was happening.

"I voted for Dilma Rousseff four years ago, but after her impeachment, and with Lula (likely) being banned, I don't feel like voting at all," said Thais Ramos, a tele-

communications specialist. "It is not because I reject totally whoever Lula endorses later, but I can't put faith in our democracy now."

Voting is mandatory in Brazil, though the fine for not doing so — about \$1 — has little influence on people who would prefer not to be bothered.

In the 2014 general elections, almost 19 percent of eligible Brazilian voters skipped the polls on Election Day. Nearly another 9 percent showed up but left their ballots blank. The end result: Rousseff was narrowly re-elected with 38 percent of the total potential electorate. Opponents of the Workers' Party immediately began talking about impeachment, based on allegations ranging from voter fraud to campaign finance violations. Eventu-

ally she was ousted for illegal management of the federal budget, allegations she strongly denies up to this day.

This election cycle, all indications are it will be worse. An Ibope poll released Monday found that 29 percent of Brazilians had no intention to vote in the in the most likely scenario for the country's presidential election, with da Silva being replaced by former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad.

"A high number of no votes would not kill the legitimacy of the election from a legal perspective," said Claudio Lamachia, president of Brazil's bar association. "But it makes our representation less legitimate."

For months, politicians and electoral authorities have been urging voters to participate, the kind of get-out-the-vote rhetoric usually not seen until weeks before Election Day. That worry increased in June, when 50 percent of voters in state of Tocantins skipped a special election for governor. So many people sitting it out could benefit Congressman Jair Bolsonaro, a former Army captain who garners both enthusiastic supporters and detractors. Bolsonaro's closest competitor is centrist Marina Silva, who lost presidential bids in 2010 and 2014.

In the Ibope poll, which has a margin of error of 2 percentage points, Bolsonaro captured 20 percent support and Silva 12 percent when da Silva was excluded, with Haddad getting just 4 percent. □

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What about Press Ethics on Aruba

By Linda Reijnders

As a visitor on our Happy Island you may not be aware or encounter the less sunny sides of society. Like elsewhere in the world we have social issues and people that walk a less fortunate runway in life. In the oldest part of Oranjestad, called Rancho, there is a group of men and women battling with addictions and with no fixed roof above their head. Here they are called 'chollers', in English homeless. Often they become a character in the streets, because of their looks and/or behavior. In Rancho one of these remarkable figures was Ski, a former BMX champion, always seen with his bike. Sadly Ski passed away last Monday morning, on a pavement in his 'barrio' (neighborhood).

This most probably is not an introduction that will take you upside down. Most of our readers are tourist and the chance to have seen Ski around is very little. But if you love Aruba and its people you got to know what shakes society once in a while. We as press choose what to inform you and our role is a responsible one. Monday morning the importance of ethics in media was significant. While the homeless Ski was dying a local media source decided to film his suffering and share this on their Facebook page. What happened after was a storm of protest on social media. There were calls for blocking the page of this certain media, report them to Facebook and dislike the page. Local society was and is shocked by the disgrace and disrespect shown to a man in his last moments. The question arose: what about press ethics on Aruba?

The use of the word "media" after the word "social" has devalued the ethics of journalism. In an age where virtual extremism is promoted we now have the 1st publicly recorded death in Aruba, innocence seems lost. The fact remains that most members of the press and media are not trained in journalism or media thus we have a media culture that, "makes it up as we go." There is no foundation or rooted-ness no mission, no statement of what is to be expected from a journalistic point of view. The island has no specific media law, only a broadcasting law. Aruban law is similar to Dutch law in many respects. The civil code and code of civil procedure, for example, are highly similar to the Dutch codes. But in this case, the island has no legal rules on how media should conduct. Media ethics involves promoting and defending values such as a universal respect for life and the rule of law and legality. Literature regarding the ways in which specifically the Internet impacts media ethics in journalism online is scarce, which is complicating the idea for a universal code of media ethics. In the end, it is a matter of drawing your own line based on your own values and morals. Obviously in the case of Ski this particular company overstepped all

common sense and seemed to have forgotten that media has a responsibility towards society, they should inform and best even educate their readers by providing them with neutral and useful news in order for each individual to draw their own conclusions.

The reader can make a clear choice. By read-

ing sensational press, you stimulate the makers to continue. By appreciating valuable and independent media, you educate yourself and promote that specific type of media to move up. Nobody deserves to be spread out over social media while dying, each human being has the right to respect, dignity and silence in those last moments. May Ski rest in peace. □



This photo was taken by Stichting Rancho, Rene Maduro.

ATIA presents the “Women in leadership Conference 2018”



ORANJESTAD — Many companies fail to realize the complete innovative potential of women in their midst. This is because of not knowing how to elicit their insights or lacking perspective necessary to endorse their ideas.

Aruba Trade & Industry Association (ATIA) will be hosting “Women in leadership Conference 2018”. Women in Leadership’ is an initiative and branch of the ATIA to spearhead thoughts and actions to have more women assume leadership positions in Aruba. “Women in Leadership” is not only about empowering wom-

en but also about supporting women. It is amazing to see young female entrepreneur go out and start a business that empowers men and women to be the best version of themselves through self-motivation. This event is mainly focused on leadership and innovation.

The keynote speakers for this event are the prime minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes; former CEO of Jamaica Public Service (JPS), Kelly Tomblin and Catherine Barba, serial entrepreneur, expert in Omni channel commerce, digital retail and digital transformations and public speaker.

Evelyn Wever-Croes- Prime Minister of Aruba

Alongside great leaders, we are set to make the human being central again on this island, and to achieve this we have many obstacles to face of which we are aware of. But the support, love and warmth that we receive from our community continuously shows that this is going to

be possible through great leadership and unity.

Kelly Tomblin- former CEO of Jamaica Public Service (JPS)

“The minute you become somebody’s boss, you become one of the most important people in their life, and you don’t even deserve to be. It requires you to bring your masculine and feminine together. You need to be able to get stuff done, but you also need to be able to bring love to that,” Tomblin recently launched her first book, ‘100 Days of Doing Power Differently, Change your Leadership, Change the World.’

Catherine Barba- Serial Entrepreneur

“The digital era is a unique opportunity for women to change the rules”.

This event will take place on Friday August 24, 2018 at the Marriott Ballroom. From 8AM until 4PM. For more information visit their Facebook page Women in leadership Conference. □



Diving with a mission!

ORANJESTAD — A massive study of nearly 1,800 tropical coral reefs around the world has found that marine reserves near heavily

populated areas struggle to do their job – but are a vast improvement over having no protection at all. More and more, people are

becoming aware of the importance of the coral reefs. This is also the case in Aruba. One of these groups is the Scubble Bubbles Foun-

dation.

A group of ambitious teenage environmentalists together with a school teacher Nichole Danser, who dedicate themselves to restore Aruba’s declining coral reefs. This is a youth diving group that wants not only have fun together, but also be able to make a change. For these students there is something special and different about this type of cleaning! It’s much more fun than cleaning your room!

It takes a lot of work to start and maintain a coral nursery. And they have to make sure our coral fragments have a good environment to grow up healthy and strong. That requires monitoring reef health and water quality continuously. The group is quite busy doing restoration projects, reef clean ups and beach

clean ups. They have also prepared reef surveys in order for them to gather as much information as possible.

With cooperation from Aqua Lung Dive Gear, the Foundation was given ten Buoyancy Control Devices (BCD’s), donated by the Jolly Pirates Crew as token of appreciation for their efforts to help to preserve our reefs. It was a great surprise for them.

There are plenty of ways that you can help to support these ambitious teens. If you are a certified SCUBA diver, they would love for you to join them in their efforts, but if you do not want to dive, there are still other ways to help.

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Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 22

Stilt Walk- Stick Thing in' d Alley

- Learn how to stilt-walk and dance. Kriston Chen from Trinidad and Tobago invites individuals (all ages) and families to visit and learn more about the Moko Jumbie, a popular Carnival character that originates from West Africa. Bring sneakers and water.
- From 4:30 PM till 8:30 PM
- Centro di Actividad Rancho, Koningstraat 38, Oranjestad
- Facebook Centro di Actividad Rancho



Thursday 23

Amy Sorinio Live on the Beach

- Talented singer Amy Sorinio performs live on the beach during dinner time. Her repertoire includes some of the world most famous ballads and hits, but her classical and musical set has brought her the real fame
- From 7 PM – 10 PM
- Restaurant Hadicurari Aruba
- Facebook Hadicurari Aruba

Friday 24

Women in Leadership Conference

- Innovation is not just about talking, it is about acting and taking risks. This year, the conference will focus on "Women in Innovation". There will be 3 keynote speakers. Evelyn Wever- Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba, Catherine Barba, serial entrepreneur and Kelly Tomblin former CEO of Jamaica Public Service.
- From 8 AM till 4 PM
- Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.
- Facebook Women in Leadership Conference



Saturday 25

Energy Fusion Show

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- From 8:30 PM TILL 9:30 PM
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Sunday 26

Giovanni Classic

- Word Wide IFBB Elite Amateur and Pro competition in Aruba. Categories: Men's Bodybuilding open class - Men's Physique, Bikini Fitness - Wellness
- From 10 AM – 11 PM

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Monday 27

All you can eat FAJITAS

- Monday in Aruba means back to work for some and another day of vacation in paradise for others. But everyone can take advantage of our All-You-Can-Eat Fajitas. Choose from Chicken, Beef or Grouper and then fill them up with extras like sour cream, cheddar cheese, salsa, guacamole and salad!
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Tuesday 28

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History of Be An Angel Day

Started to encourage people to do random acts of kindness, Jayne Howard Feldman opened the doors to this celebration in 1993. Since then, it has become an entity in and of itself, helped along in no small part by social media. The movie "Pass It Forward" is an amazing example of how random acts of kindness can become something more than any one person could ever have hoped. Even now, this day gets more and more recognition every year, more and more are jumping on the bandwagon of random kindness.

How to celebrate Be An Angel Day

This would be the day to put others before yourself. Mow a neighbor's lawn, maybe watch their kids for a few hours so they can eliminate some of the stress in their lives. Show someone you're close to the gratitude and thanks you have for everything they do for you, even if it is just a call, a hug or a thank you note. Write a note to a loved one, fill a random parking meter, volunteer at elder care homes. Plant a tree or two, clean up litter at your local park or even give out some flowers to a random stranger.

Donate some clothing or items from your home that you don't use anymore, or just reach out to someone who needs a little help. Every action we take that helps another can result in many different things occurring, not the least of which are lasting friendships, eternal gratitude and or sometimes just a feeling of contentment of doing something good. While it is true we should all strive to be more kind in our daily lives, and more aware of the plights those around us suffer from, this is the day to really embrace generosity, on this, Be An Angel Day. ☐



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SPORTS



In this Aug. 12, 2018 file photo Tiger Woods celebrates his birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis.

Associated Press

A different level of Tigermania this time around

By DOUG FERGUSON

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Tiger Woods seems to be bigger now than when he was good.

Not that he's all that bad. Remember, it was just seven months ago that Woods began his year not knowing how his game would respond to four back surgeries that limited him to 19 starts on the PGA Tour and kept him out of the FedEx Cup playoffs since 2013. Not only did he make it to the PGA Tour's version of a postseason, he starts The Northern Trust at No. 20 out of the 125 players who qualified.

He is playing well enough to win. Even so, this is one time Woods will consider it a very good year even if he doesn't.

"No doubt," Woods said. "I didn't know if I was ever going to play again."

And that might explain the reaction to him.

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BACK-to-BACK



Kenley Jansen tagged in return, takes loss

St. Louis Cardinals' Jedd Gyorko, left, runs to first as he hits a solo home run while Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Kenley Jansen watches during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Cardinals won 5-3.

Associated Press

Disappointing Nats trade Murphy to Cubs, Adams to Cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Essentially throwing in the towel on a disappointing season, the Washington Nationals traded second baseman Daniel Murphy to the Chicago Cubs and first baseman Matt Adams to the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday.

Despite a roster that boasts such stars as Max Scherzer and Bryce Harper, Washington went into a three-game series at home against Philadelphia with a losing record of 62-63, 7½ games behind the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves.

General manager Mike Rizzo and ownership gambled at the July trade deadline, standing pat and expressing faith in the roster as constituted. The Nationals trounced the New York Mets 25-4 that night, but are 9-10 since, including a 2-5 road trip through Chicago and St. Louis that featured a 4-3 loss at Wrigley Field on a two-out, walk-off grand slam.

"We felt that coming off that road trip and into this most recent homestand was a time that was a litmus test for us ... and we felt that the timing was right to make the vital decisions that we had to make," Rizzo said.

The deals came three weeks after the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline, and the Nationals aren't getting much in return.

For Murphy, who was hitting .300 since his return from knee surgery, the Cubs are swapping Class A infielder Andruw Monasterio and a player to be named or cash. For Adams, the Cardinals are sending \$50,000 to Washington.

"These are tough decisions, to trade a ultimate professionals like Daniel Murphy and Matt Adams is never easy," Rizzo said. "We felt this was the best way to facilitate what we are trying to do not only in 2018 but beyond."

The 33-year-old Murphy was a big hitter during his time in Washington. A post-season star in 2015 with the Mets, he signed with the Nationals that winter and was an All-Star the next two



In this July 15, 2018, file photo, Washington Nationals' Daniel Murphy hits a two-run single during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets at Citi Field in New York.

Associated Press

years. Murphy missed the first 64 games this season but hit in 11 straight before being stymied by Miami's Jose Urena on Sunday.

"My thoughts are it's really bittersweet," Murphy said. "I sat at this podium probably 2 1/2 years ago. The Washington Nationals were the only offer I had. They took a chance on me three years ago and I feel very disappointed in myself that it kind of came to this point, I guess would be the easiest way to describe it."

Asked how close the team came to including Harper — a free agent after the season — in the Tuesday deals, Rizzo said: "You have to get a deal that makes sense to trade one of the elite players in the game."

Harper, who struggled for much of the first half, won the Home Run Derby during the All-Star festivities at Nationals Park. Since the break he is hitting .350 with seven home runs, 25 RBIs and 21 runs scored in 28 games.

"I've been part of this organization for seven years and I look forward to coming in and doing my job every single day and I had no fear of being traded or let go on waivers or anything

like that," Harper said.

The Nationals were coming off two consecutive division titles under manager Dusty Baker, who was fired after last season and replaced

by rookie skipper Dave Martinez.

Murphy expressed support for Martinez, without even being asked about him.

"Right man for the job here

in DC," Murphy said.

The Nationals' high-water mark came on May 30 when they defeated the Orioles for their sixth straight win to improve to 33-22. They haven't won more than three straight games since.

"We're definitely not in an ideal spot," veteran first baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "We had a chance a couple of times to gain some ground and couldn't really string together many wins in a row."

Given the moves, Martinez was asked how he convinces his team that the three games against the contending Phillies are still big.

"What's funny is that I've had guys already come in the office and I don't think I need to convince them," he said. "They know what we are playing for and they're all in."

To fill the spots created by the departure of Murphy and Adams, the Nationals recalled infielder Adrian Sanchez and outfielder Andrew Stevenson from Triple-A Syracuse. □

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Davis homers in jersey signed by fan, A's top Rangers 9-0

By The Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Khris Davis hit a long home run after letting a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation sign his jersey, Ramon Laureano hit the first two homers of his career, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 9-0 on Monday night. Davis' shot for his 37th homer of the year was estimated at 438 feet and clanked off a window in the suite-level in left-center field. He did it wearing a uniform signed by 10-year-old Anthony Slocumb. The Oakland sixth-grader attended the game with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Davis asked him to sign his jersey before the game.

Laureano connected in the second and again in the sixth with a three-run shot that chased Bartolo Colon (7-11), the 45-year-old Rangers starter scratched a day earlier against the Angels because of back stiffness.

Stephen Piscotty homered in the seventh and Marcus Semien added an RBI double to back Mike Fiers (9-6) as Oakland matched Houston atop the AL West.

INDIANS 5, RED SOX 4

BOSTON (AP) — Greg Allen hit a tiebreaking homer right after Boston pitcher Rick Porcello was struck in the midsection by a line drive, and Corey Kluber tied for the major league wins lead.

Kluber (16-6) pitched into the seventh inning and matched Washington's Max Scherzer and the Yankees' Luis Severino for the most victories in the majors. Michael Brantley and Melky Cabrera also homered to help the AL Central-leading Indians improve to 14-4 in August.



Oakland Athletics' Khris Davis swings on a pitch from Texas Rangers' Bartolo Colon in the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Xander Bogaerts had an early two-run single and an RBI single in the ninth for East-leading Boston. Ian Kinsler flied out with two runners on base, leaving the Red Sox with just their fifth loss in 22 games.

In a matchup of the AL's last two Cy Young Award winners, it was 3-all into the seventh. Porcello (15-6) retired the leadoff batter and retired the next hitter. Yan Gomes followed with a liner that hit Porcello near the stomach — Porcello retrieved the ball near the mound, threw to second for a forceout and then slid to his knees, grabbing the spot where he was hit.

Porcello was checked on the mound, took a practice toss or two, and stayed in the game. Two pitches later, Allen hit a drive into the Indians' bullpen for his second home run of the season.

MARINERS 7, ASTROS 4

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano hit his first home run

since returning from an 80-game suspension, a three-run shot in the eighth inning that lifted Seattle to a key win over Houston.

Seattle won its fifth straight against the Astros, thanks to a huge night from Cano. He doubled twice earlier in the game — his first two extra-base hits since coming back from his suspension for violating baseball's joint drug policy. But those were precursors to his drive to left-center field off Houston's Collin McHugh (5-2) with one out in the eighth. It was Cano's fifth home run of the season and his first since May 12 against Detroit. Seattle pulled within 3 1/2 games of Houston in the division race, while the Astros fell back into a tie with Oakland for the top spot in the AL West.

Alex Colome (4-5) pitched a perfect eighth and Edwin Diaz closed out the ninth for his 48th save.

BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 3

TORONTO (AP) — Kendrys

Morales homered twice, Marco Estrada pitched 5 1/3 innings to win his second straight start and Toronto improved to 8-0 at home against Baltimore. Morales hit a one-out solo homer in the fourth, then added a three-run drive in the fifth — both off Baltimore right-hander Andrew Cashner (4-11) — for his 22nd career multihomer game.

Renato Nunez replied with a solo home run for the struggling Orioles, who have lost nine of their past 11.

Estrada (7-9) allowed three runs and seven hits, improving to 9-2 in 18 career games against Baltimore. Ken Giles finished for his 16th save in 16 opportunities.

WHITE SOX 8, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Davidson homered, Lucas Giolito (9-9) struck out six in six innings and Chicago spoiled Stephen Gonsalves' major league debut.

Playing without manager Rick Renteria, Chicago won for the fourth time in five games in the makeup of snowed-out April contest. Davidson drove in three runs, and Jose Abreu had two hits and two RBIs. Renteria experienced light-headedness before the game and was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Bench coach Joe McEwing served as the manager, and the team said tests on Renteria didn't show any problems.

Jake Cave and Max Kepler homered for the second straight day for Minnesota, which had won five of six.

Gonsalves (0-1) surrendered four runs in just 1 1/3 innings.

RAYS 1, ROYALS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Yarbrough helped extend Tampa Bay's shutout streak to 23 innings, and the Rays got their only run via video replay.

Yarbrough (12-5) pitched 5 1/3 innings in relief of opener Hunter Wood. The rookie left-hander gave up two hits and a walk while striking out six, earning his major league-leading 10th relief win. Jose Alvarado pitched the ninth for his fifth save and stretched the Rays' streak of scoreless innings, which included 14 over the weekend in Boston.

Willy Adames drove in the game's first run. After singles by Ji-Man Choi and Kevin Kiermaier in the second inning, Adames hit a two-out chopper over third base. Adames beat Rosell Herrera's throw across the diamond, but it took a 43-second review to reverse the original out call.

The run came off right-hander Jorge Lopez (0-3), who pitched five innings in his second major league start. □



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Jansen gives up 2 HRs in return, Cards top L.A. 5-3

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen allowed ninth-inning homers to Jedd Gyorko and Matt Carpenter in his return from the disabled list.

Gyorko pinch hit and sent a 1-1 pitch into center field leading off. Carpenter followed with his NL-leading 34th homer, also to center, stunning the small crowd that remained through the four-plus-hour game.

Jansen (0-4) retired the next two batters before giving up a single to Marcell Ozuna. He got pinch-hitter Tyler O'Neill to end the inning, but the damage was done. It was his first appearance since being hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat on Aug. 9. Closer Bud Norris walked Matt Kemp leading off the bottom of the ninth before striking out the next three batters to end the game and get his 25th save. Brett Cecil (1-1) retired Cody Bellinger with two on to end the eighth.

BRAVES 1, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bryse Wilson worked five solid innings, becoming the third 20-year-old pitcher to start in his big league debut for Atlanta this season.

Wilson (1-0) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked three as Atlanta increased its NL East lead to one game over idle Philadelphia while ending its four-game skid.

Dan Winkler pitched the ninth, working around a leadoff single for his second save.

Pittsburgh has allowed exactly one run in five straight games, but has lost three

of them. The organization hasn't done that since July 13-18, 1888, when they were the Alleghenys, according to Stats.

The Braves scored in the first inning when Freddie Freeman hit a two-out double and scored on Nick Markakis' single.

Pirates starter Chris Archer (4-6) was removed after four innings because of left leg discomfort. Pittsburgh is optimistic he'll make his next scheduled start.

GIANTS 2, METS 1, 13 INNING

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets left fielder Dominic Smith plowed into shortstop Amed Rosario on a potential inning-ending popup in the 13th and the ball dropped, giving San Francisco the tiebreaking run.

The Giants had runners at first and third with two outs when Brandon Crawford lifted a lazy pop. Rosario ranged into shallow left field, waved off Smith and was in position for a routine catch.

But the bulky Smith, who more often plays first base, came charging in and barged into Rosario. The ball ticked off Rosario's glove and fell to the ground, and Andrew McCutchen scored on a botched play scored as an error on Smith.

The Giants ended their four-game losing streak. Derek Law (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Tyler Bashlor (0-2) got the loss.

BREWERS 5, REDS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Travis Shaw and Christian Yelich homered, Chase Anderson



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Carpenter, upper left, hits a solo home run as Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Kenley Jansen, below, watches along with catcher Yasmani Grandal, right, and home plate umpire Sam Holbrook during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

settled in after giving up two solo homers and Milwaukee rallied for a victory. Shaw's two-run homer off Homer Bailey put the Brewers up 3-2 in the sixth. Jesus Aguilar singled to open the inning and Shaw followed with his 25th homer, lining an 0-2 pitch into the right-

field seats. Anderson (8-7) entered tied for the NL lead with 24 homers allowed and gave up second-inning solo shots to Eugenio Suarez and Phillip Ervin as the Reds took a 2-0 lead. Anderson then retired the final 14 hitters he faced. Jeremy Jeffress pitched

the ninth for his fifth save. Bailey (1-11) kept the Brewers off the scoreboard until Yelich's 20th homer, a one-out solo shot in the fifth that made it 2-1. Bailey, who has not won since May 12, allowed three runs on five hits in six innings, striking out five and walking one. □

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Serena Williams seeded 17 at U.S. Open, 9 spots above ranking

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

Serena Williams got a bit of a boost in the seedings for the U.S. Open by being placed at No. 17, nine spots above her current ranking. The U.S. Tennis Association's decision, announced Tuesday along with all the other seeds for the main draws of women's and men's singles, means Williams avoids a possible matchup against one of the top eight players in the third round.

It also sets up a possible matchup at that stage against her older sister, Venus, who is No. 16, her ranking this week.

Indeed, all of the other seeds — 32 women, 32 men — were positioned based on the WTA and ATP rankings, as usual.

This will be the third Grand Slam tournament of Williams' return to competition since her daughter



In this Sept. 7, 2014, file photo, Serena Williams holds the championship trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, in New York.

Associated Press

was born during the 2017 U.S. Open last September. Williams dealt with health

complications from childbirth, including dangerous blood clots.

The USTA already had said in June that it would institute a policy that would take into account if a pregnancy affected a player's ranking.

The issue arose when Williams — a 23-time major champion and former No. 1 — was not seeded when she returned to action at the French Open in May, her first Grand Slam tournament in nearly 1½ years. She was, however, seeded at Wimbledon, put at No. 25 while ranked 183rd.

Williams wound up as the runner-up at the All England Club, losing to Angelique Kerber there last month. The run to the final allowed Williams to rise to No. 28. In her next match, Williams had the most lopsided loss of her career, beaten 6-1, 6-0 by Johanna Konta in San Jose, California.

USTA spokesman Chris Widmaier said the placement

of Williams was determined by "balancing a variety of factors, including her return to competition following the birth of her daughter, her recent hard court performance this summer, and recognition of her achievements at the U.S. Open."

He added that the USTA thought the decision "recognizes Serena, and is fair to the remaining seeded players."

Williams, who turns 37 next month, has won the U.S. Open six times, most recently in 2014. She is one Grand Slam title away from equaling Margaret Court's all-time record of 24; Williams already owns the mark for most major singles trophies in the half-century professional era.

The draw for the U.S. Open is Thursday in New York.

Main-draw play begins in Flushing Meadows on Monday. □

TIGERMANIA

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It's not just the headlines he makes for finishing 12th or the shot-by-shot TV coverage at every tournament. It's the response outside the ropes that keeps getting bigger and louder, week after week, from Palm Harbor to Potomac, from the British Open to Bellerive.

Stewart Cink described the third round at the PGA Championship as "a pretty intense environment" playing with Woods, this from a man who played with him (and often lost to him) during a time when Woods looked close to unbeatable.

"I think everyone at the golf course cheers for him," Brooks Koepka said after winning the PGA Championship at Bellerive while hearing one ear-splitting cheer after another for Woods on the back nine. Tigermania first struck in 1997 with his watershed victory at the Masters. It hit again during a stretch from 1999 through 2001, when Woods won five of six major championships and 19 out of 38 events on the PGA Tour.

And now it's back at full tilt for a guy who hasn't won in more than five years.

Some of that is because fans thought they might not ever see him play again. And some of that could be from those who wonder how much longer he'll be around.

"I think that people are more ... I guess appreciative," Woods said. "I don't want to make that sound wrong or anything, but they know that I'm at the tail end of my career, and I don't know how many more years I have left. But I'm certainly not like I was when I was 22. Forty-two, it's a different ball game."

The Northern Trust is the five-year anniversary of Woods first showing undeniable evidence of back problems, dropping to his knees with spasms during the final round on his way to a runner-up finish. He had back surgery in the spring of 2014, two more in the fall of 2015 that kept him out of golf for more than a year and then fusion surgery on his lower spine — "the last-ditch effort," he called it — in April 2017 that kept him off the PGA Tour another season.

In the midst of that, there was his woeful mug shot from a Florida jail after his Memorial Day arrest on a DUI charge from a bad mix



Tiger Woods celebrates after making a birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in St. Louis.

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of painkillers.

It was a low point, especially the arrest video. It had the look of being the end of his career.

That seems a distant memory now.

Woods delivered the largest crowd Tampa had ever seen for a golf tournament when he finished one shot behind at the Valspar Championship. He had Carnoustie buzzing when he had the lead for two holes during the final round of the British Open. He shot 64 in the final round at Bellerive, his lowest final round in a major and his best finish in nine years. He probably

won't hear noise like that the rest of the year, except maybe at the Ryder Cup. Woods was appointed a vice captain for the Ryder Cup in February and talked about wanting to make the team. He was No. 106 in the standings. Twelve tournaments later, he finished 11th and is certain to be a captain's pick.

It's been a different kind of year, for sure.

Woods can hear it. And he likes it.

"I've had people into it over the years, but this has been so different," Woods said. "We go back to how everyone received me at Tam-

pa. That was very special, and I had not received ovations and warmth like that. I guess everyone knows I've struggled and I've had some back pain and I've gone through four surgeries and I'm trying to work my way back. And it's been tough. People understand that."

Fans can relate to him more, even though he hasn't won.

Maybe it's because he's not winning all the time that they can relate to him more as a player instead of a machine.

Woods has used the word "blessed" just about every week. He is playing again, when a year ago he had not even been cleared to swing a club. And it doesn't hurt to get treated like a rock star everywhere he goes.

It's one thing to be looked upon with awe. That comes from winning, from the kind of dominance golf had never seen.

It's another thing to feel the love.

"As I've said before, this has been a blessing," he said.

"But man, it's been so special to have this opportunity. I'm certainly not taking it for granted, that's for sure." □

Paxton Lynch has gone from 1st-rounder to roster bubble

By ARNIE STAPLETON

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)

— Denver Broncos coach Vance Joseph said former first-round pick Paxton Lynch was "obviously motivated" by his demotion to third-string quarterback last week "and that's a good sign. He's upset and he should be upset."

Lynch might not have enough time to channel that frustration and salvage a roster spot.

Chad Kelly of Ole Miss, "Mr. Irrelevant" as the final pick of the 2017 draft, has out-worked and outplayed Lynch all summer and in both of Denver's exhibition games.

He's expected to get a long look in relief of starter Case Keenum on Friday night in Washington as general manager John Elway decides whether to add a veteran backup instead.

That likely leaves Lynch with mop-up duty at best. He might even have to wait until Denver's exhibition finale at Arizona to persuade the Broncos brass to keep him around.

After leapfrogging Lynch, Kelly had another solid performance, throwing for 90 yards and a touchdown on 7-of-9 passing against Chicago before leaving a 23-10 lead to Lynch, who again faltered as the Bears came back to win 24-23 Saturday night.

Afterward, Lynch said he never wanted the No. 2 job he lost to Kelly.

"I want to be THE quarterback. I don't want to be a backup and I definitely don't want to be third-string quarterback," Lynch said. "The cards have been dealt to this point in time and I'm not quitting. I'll never quit. My mom never quit. My dad never quit. My brother never quit. I'm never going to quit and I'm working hard."

It's just not paying off for the former Memphis QB who hasn't shown the progress the Broncos expected entering his third season in the NFL even with Trevor Siemian, whom he couldn't beat out the past two summers, now playing in Minnesota.

By many measures, Lynch

has actually regressed since Elway moved up to select Lynch.

He's won just one of his four NFL starts, and that was in his rookie year when he went 1-1 with two TDs and an interception. Last year, he was 0-2 with one TD and three interceptions.

In the preseason, his slide is even more dramatic:

— 2016: 40 for 68 for 458 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

— 2017: 16 for 24 for 90 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

— 2018: 11 for 22 for 63 yards with no touchdowns and one interception.

Lynch was booed when he entered the game against the Bears at Mile High. Denver's fan base has apparently had enough of the man Elway envisioned as his next franchise quarterback.

"I feel bad for Paxton, but our fans want to win," Joseph said, adding that Lynch "has to ignore it and go play. It's professional football. No one is going to hold your hand, so he has to go out there and perform."

That tough love approach is a departure from the kid-glove treatment Lynch enjoyed in the past.

Even when Lynch was having a tough time digesting the playbook and the speed of the game, unable to use proper footwork or decipher defenses to capitalize on his natural talents, the Broncos brass kept its faith in him.

With Lynch struggling this preseason, Kelly, who missed his entire rookie season last year while recovering from wrist and ankle injuries, has gone 21 of 30 for 267 yards, three TDs, an interception and two sacks. Lynch's demotion puts him on notice with roster cuts looming.

"When I first got the news, I was pretty upset about it because I know how hard I work, I know how bad I want to play and I know how much this means to me," Lynch said. "Sometimes you go through tough tests just to take you to a whole other level. I'm tak-



Denver Broncos quarterback Paxton Lynch (12) is sacked by Chicago Bears defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris (95) and defensive tackle John Jenkins (92) during the second half of a preseason NFL football game, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, in Denver.

Associated Press

ing it that way and working my butt off."

Lynch said he realizes poor quarterback play is especially untenable in Denver, where Elway and Peyton Manning won Super Bowls.

"I just haven't been playing well," he said. "That's not acceptable, especially playing quarterback here, you've got to play well and give your team an opportunity to win every week." Lynch insists his confidence isn't shaken.

"Yeah, if you don't believe in yourself then no one else is going to believe in you," he said. "That's what I have

to do. I have to hang on that, come to work every day and get better."

MILITARY SALUTE

Broncos receiver Demaryius Thomas traded his autographed jersey to a U.S. Airman who participated in USAA's "Salute to Service NFL Boot Camp" at the team's training facilities Tuesday.

In return, Thomas received a pair of military challenge coins, one from the 1st Space Battalion and another from a Chief Master Sergeant.

"It's always good to see them come out and sup-

port us, and we can support them back," Thomas said. The ninth-year pro was the only player to receive military medallions in exchange for his jersey.

"I'm trying to decide if I they're going to travel with me for the season or they're going in the locker with me or I'm going to take them home," Thomas said. "I think I want to travel with them."

Notes: WR Carlos Henderson, who failed to report to training camp while dealing with family issues, visited general manager John Elway at team headquarters Tuesday morning. □

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With my eyes closed my airplane instructor twists and turns the plane so that it is not flying level. This is a classic "unusual attitude" training every pilot needs to repeat to stay a safe pilot. I groan as I fight to keep from vomiting my breakfast. "OK, open your eyes and straighten the aircraft", orders my instructor. I open my eyes to find my instructor has covered my airplane instruments. Not good my instincts scream. Facing out to sea I cannot tell the difference between sky and ocean and my brain is telling me we are turning left.

The seconds tick off as I try to adjust the aircraft to what I feel is going on. "Now", I say implying that I think I have control of the airplane to my instructor as he uncovers my airplane instruments. As I look at my instruments. I am headed into the ground turning slowly in a classic flying problem, called the "graveyard spiral".

I have done this maneuver before and I know that in a spinning cockpit I have to trust my instruments even though my sense of balance, coming from my middle ear is telling me different. I line up the plane according to my instruments and start feeling a sensation of whirling or tilting that causes a loss of balance, a dizziness that puts my stomach wanting to give up breakfast. "Vertigo", I complain as my instructor intently watches to make sure I have regained composure of both the plane and myself.

Vertigo from Latin that means "whirling about" describes a medical condition in which somebody feels the sensation of dizziness with the

room spinning. Dizziness is an indistinct term which describes a variety of conditions ranging from lightheadedness, unsteadiness to vertigo and spans a large range of symptoms. These symptoms range from the most dramatic, vertigo, to the least severe, imbalance. Included in these feelings is fainting, which results in a loss of consciousness.

As a private pilot I know it is the sensory system located in the inner ear that helps the body to maintain balance. Balance in the human body is coordinated by the brainstem, which collects information from other parts of the brain and sensory organs throughout the body. The sensory organs that play critical roles relaying information to the brain-stem include the skin, eyes, muscles and joints, and the vestibular system in the inner ear. Dizziness may result with dysfunction in any of these components or in the nerves that connect them.

French physician Prosper Mènière described Mènière's disease as having four particular symptoms: vertigo lasting for an hour or more, but less than 24 hours; ringing or buzzing sounds in the ear; feeling of pressure or fullness in the ear; and some hearing loss. Some people are affected in both ears; others just one ear. Onset of Mènière's is sometimes related to stress. Regular medicine usually looks for problems with the inner ear for dizzy symptoms. However, most people that we see have been dizzy for more than a couple of days.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) physician I know the liver is involved in many problems with dizziness. The liver detoxifies our blood and an overworked liver produces a condition that we call "liver fire"; whose symptoms are dizziness, pain on the sides of the head at the temples, a sensation that you are choking, heart palpitations, and stomach upset. People with liver fire usually have a green hue around their mouths, wake up around 3:00am and get angry easily.

Lifestyle choices, including eating processed foods, taking pharmaceutical or other drugs, working or living with chemicals, bombardment of EMF's (electrometric fields) and not getting enough exercise all contribute to our toxic overload, making it impossible for our livers to work efficiently.


Whirling Rooms

Interestingly, historically this condition was known here in Aruba and was called 'madder". TCM views a healthy Liver as "The General" who sends energy in the form of fluid to various parts of the body. If the General's "palace," the liver, is on fire, the chain of command is broken. Menstrual flow becomes heavy or "reckless" and menstrual problems; bladder and painful lower stomachs develop. Although, sexual desire drops, satisfying sexual activity is a great way to help "calm" the Liver. In our clinic we have found acupuncture treatments to be fantastic in improving a "hot" Liver, therefore helping dizzy symptoms. Milk Thistle, Astragalus root, Black Cohosh root, Don Quai Root, Red Clover and Rhodiola root as well as Evening Primrose Oil are beneficial herbs and oils for the liver. You improve liver function by slowing down alcohol consumption, exercising and eating natural food that is good for your metabolic type and prepare food that has not been fried, helps dramatically.

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

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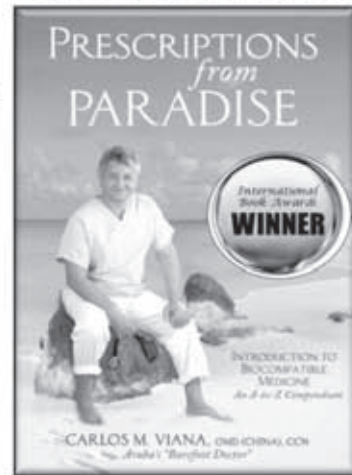
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Herbalife distributors claim in \$1B suit events were a sham

By CURT ANDERSON

MIAMI (AP) — Patricia and Jeff Rodgers figured they did everything right to get rich beyond their wildest dreams selling Herbalife health and personal care products. They attended all of the "Circle of Success" events, brought in new recruits, met their quotas on buying Herbalife goods to sell and even set up a storefront shop.

But they didn't get rich. Instead, Patricia Rodgers estimates the couple lost over \$100,000, including about \$20,000 spent on attending Herbalife events. Now, the couple and others are suing the multi-level marketing company that sells its products through a network of distributors who recruit more distributors. The potential class-action case could involve more than 100,000 plaintiffs and might mean as much as \$1 billion in damages.

"We did everything they told us to do. We attended every event. We traveled and we spent money. And we didn't get successful like they said we would," Rodgers said in an interview at the couple's home in Hallandale Beach, Florida. "You get involved in it, it's almost like a cult mentality." Los Angeles-based Herbalife, a publicly traded company with 2017 net sales of \$4.4 billion, has long been embroiled in litigation and regulatory actions over its business practices, which have been compared by some to a pyramid scheme. A spokeswoman declined to comment for this story, although Herbalife attorneys are seeking to get the lawsuit dismissed or moved from Florida to a California court.

Herbalife lawyers say in court papers the distributors now suing the company in Miami were not specific in how company statements influenced them into making bad decisions.

"Plaintiffs' failure to specify how they were misled by these alleged misrepresentations is fatal" to many key claims, the lawyers wrote. To become a distributor, a person must be recruited



This May 11, 2016, file photo, shows the Herbalife logo at the company's corporate office, in Los Angeles.

by an existing distributor, according to the company's website. The new recruit also must purchase a "Herbalife Nutrition International Business Pack" explaining how the business works and how to become a sponsor. The new distributor buys Herbalife products at a discount and sells them, often part-time, in hopes making a profit.

In 2016, the company settled a Federal Trade Commission case for \$200 million. It centered on Herbalife's business model being based on recruitment of distributors rather than actual sales of its products, such as protein shakes, vitamins and skin care items. One year earlier, another lawsuit by Herbalife distributors ended in a \$17.5 million settlement.

In the FTC case, the agency said in a statement that "only a small minority of distributors have made anything near what the company promises" through promotional materials showing how they lived in expensive homes, drove luxury cars and took exotic vacations.

"A large majority of distributors made little or no money and a substantial percentage lost money," the FTC said.

The case in Miami federal

court is different, said plaintiffs' attorney Etan Mark. It targets the system of high-energy events known as "Circle of Success" that distributors are cajoled into attending all over the country at their own expense. They are touted as the supposed key to learning how to become wealthy — all the while signing up more people to become distributors in what's called the "downline."

A common company refrain was: "If you go to all of the events, you qualify for everything — you will get rich," according to the lawsuit. Another was: "These crucial events provide you with the skills you need to take it to the next level," court documents show.

"They felt like they were chasing a ghost. It's the event you missed that would have changed your life," Mark said. "These tens

of thousands of people in this case lost money. I believe the vast majority of people lose money through the Herbalife opportunity." Not every distributor feels that way. Valarea Pagan, an Orlando-area single mother, said selling Herbalife helps pay her bills as a second income source. She said Herbalife products helped her lose weight and feel good about herself.

"I love the products and I'm helping people and I'm getting extra money," Pagan said in an interview. "It's helping me a lot."

Pagan said the biggest "Circle of Success" events are multi-media extravaganzas that get everyone hyped about selling Herbalife products. And they push distributors to aim for the company's VIP-level circles or even the company's top "President's Team."

"It's crazy. You get so

pepped up. It's like the Super Bowl for us," she said. "It's like the biggest event of the year."

Herbalife's website says it has about 8,300 employees worldwide and about 2.3 million distributors. China, North America and the Asia-Pacific region account for nearly two-thirds of Herbalife sales.

Herbalife attorneys contend that many of the claims in the Miami court case are covered by the 2015 settlement with distributors that also focused on purported misrepresentations by the company about the pathway to wealth. That settlement, however, involved distributors who either couldn't sell the products for at least the cost of their purchase or wanted to return products after the company's one-year return policy.

If the case isn't dismissed or settled, Herbalife wants it transferred to a California federal court, which it claims is a requirement when a person signs up to become a distributor. In the Miami case, the plaintiffs claim their lawsuit isn't about the distributor agreements but about the "Circle of Success" events, so that requirement does not apply.

U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke in Miami is weighing all these motions, with trial set for September 2019 if the case isn't resolved before then. □

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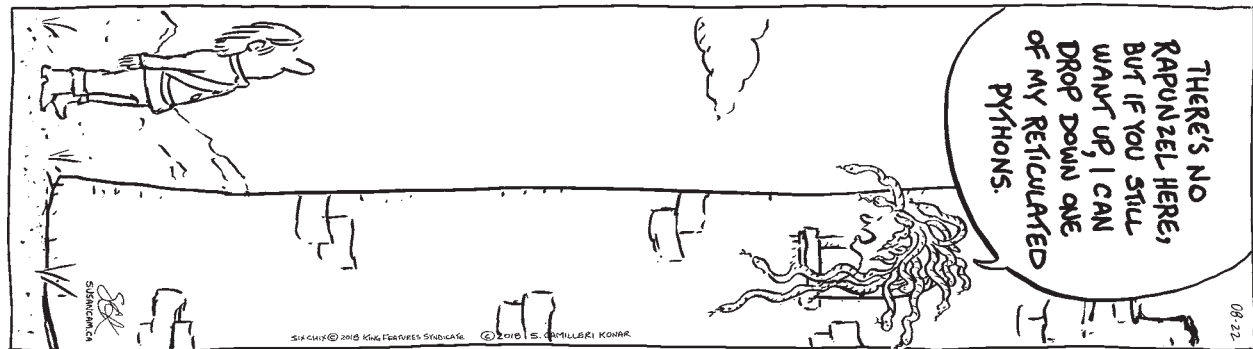
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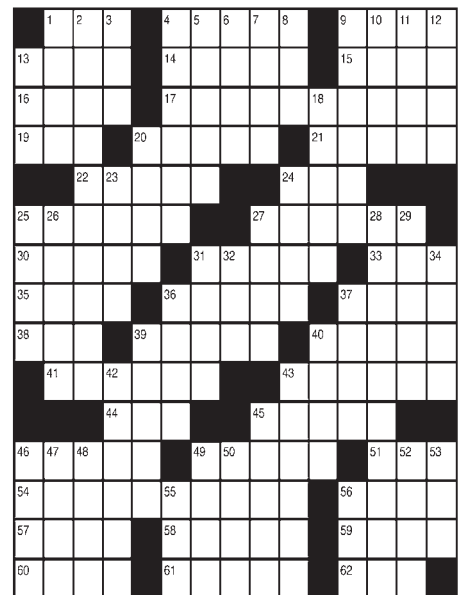
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- As ___ as a fiddle
- Hidden supply
- Antlered animals
- Andrews or Plato
- Bubbling away on the stove
- Forbidden thing
- A single time
- Dough flattener
- TV crime drama series
- Make merry
- Removes from office
- Clamor
- Hole-making tool
- Huge beer mugs
- Arts and ___
- Out of this ___; extraordinary
- Like salsa
- ___ the wrong way; irritate
- Take ___; subtract
- Dentist's concerns
- Commanded
- Ping-Pong table divider
- Babble
- Composure
- Card distributor
- One who dies for his beliefs
- Regret
- Wild Australian dog
- Charisma
- "Good things come to ___ who wait"
- Big ___; trucker's truck
- Post-wedding parties
- Part of the foot
- Carney and Linkletter
- Disagree verbally
- Ship's frame
- Finest
- Cozy homes
- Curvy letter



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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BYA	GEMS	HATES
SLEEP	LOL	
VACANT	CARSON	
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NUTS	CHOIR	BETA
ELI	ALIEN	BARER
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AFOUL	BLAB	ASA
BOISTEROUS	STOW	
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DOWN

- Summer blowers
- Burn up
- Edison's initials
- Hug
- Over
- Composer ___
- Porter
- Battle of Bunker
- Actor Wallace
- Overwhelm
- Cuts off
- Make sweaters
- Family members
- Trumpeter Severinsen
- "___, Jose!"; firm refusal
- Orange peel
- Greasy
- Curved overhead beam
- Waterbird
- Hauled a car
- Refer to
- Disloyal
- Full of lather
- Scorch
- Teacher's favorite
- Lager
- Ash or alder

- Björn with a racket
- Chubby
- Glass rectangle
- Throw cuffs on
- Señoritas
- Circular snack
- Critter that walks sideways
- Roll call response
- ___ up; misbehaves
- Grow weary
- Swine
- Misfortunes
- Become firm
- Sunbather's reward
- The girl

Jon Stewart helps aid goats found on New York subway tracks

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Stewart has helped make a home for two goats found roaming along the subway tracks in New York City. A train operator on Monday alerted headquarters about "two very baaaaad boys" along the N Line in Brooklyn. It wasn't clear where the goats came from. Police arrived on the scene, tranquilized the male goats, and took them to an animal shelter. The shelter contacted Farm Sanctuary. That's when Stewart stepped in to help. In a video, Stewart is shown helping load the goats into a trailer to Farm Sanctuary. The comedian and his wife often assist transporting animals found in the city to the shelter in Watkins Glen, New York. They have partnered with the organization to open a farm and education center in New Jersey. □

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Fires prompt sage grouse hunting ban in large part of Nevada

By SCOTT SONNER

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Destruction of sage grouse habitat by a series of large wildfires has prompted a ban on hunting for the game bird this fall across a stretch of Nevada that is nearly twice as big as the state of Delaware.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approved the emergency closure Friday of two hunting units in Humboldt and Elko counties.

The closure covers more than 3,500 square miles (9,000 square kilometers) between the Idaho line and U.S. Interstate 80, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) north-east of Reno.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife says at least 39 known breeding sites supporting about 750 male sage grouse were destroyed in July by the Martin Fire.

The agency says the fire that started in Paradise Valley north of Winnemucca burned 689 square miles (1,785 square kilometers) of mostly rangeland — the largest fire in Nevada history. Visible from a NASA satellite, it came on the



In this July 25, 2005, file photo, a sage grouse stands in a meadow at the Smith Creek Ranch, east of Fallon, Nev.

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heels of another wildfire last year that burned 267 square miles (690 square kilometers) north of Battle Mountain.

"This fire negatively affected one of the few remaining stronghold habitats for greater sage-grouse and a myriad of other sagebrush obligate species in Nevada," said Shawn Espinosa, an upland game staff specialist for the state

agency.

"Although we have hopes that restoration efforts can be successful, there will be some areas that will likely convert to cheatgrass which will further reduce available habitat for sage-grouse into the future."

Hunting units 051 and 066 will remain closed for sage grouse until further notice along the Idaho line from McDermitt in the west to

Owyhee in the east and as far south as just west of Battle Mountain.

Another fire currently burning about 15 miles (24 kilometers) north of Battle Mountain has charred more than 60 square miles (155 square kilometers).

Greater sage grouse — a ground-dwelling bird about the size of a chicken — once numbered in the millions across much of the

West, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service now estimates the population at 200,000 to 500,000. Experts blame energy development, along with wildfires, disease, livestock grazing and other causes.

Their range covers parts of 11 Western states and two Canadian provinces. The largest concentrations are in Wyoming, Montana, Nevada and Idaho.

State wildlife officials say the two big Nevada fires not only burned grouse breeding sites but also destroyed priority winter habitat which will likely affect the bird's annual production and survival rates.

So far, no other states have implemented grouse hunting restrictions as a result of fires. Wildlife biologists have said in the past that hunting doesn't generally threaten the survival of sage grouse populations.

Espinosa said the state is working with federal land management agencies, private landowners and non-governmental organizations on restoration plans for the Martin Fire, and procurement of seed from several sources. □

Study: Climate change possible cause of bird species decline

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Climate change could be to blame for the collapse of bird populations in the desert along the Nevada-California border, scientists said.

The number of bird species has fallen by an average of 43 percent over the past century at survey sites across an area larger than New York state, according to a new study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley.

The study shows almost

a third of species are less common and widespread now than they once were throughout the region.

The study's authors, Steven Beissinger and Kelly Iknayan, point to less hospitable conditions in the Mojave Desert as the probable cause.

"California deserts have already experienced quite a bit of drying and warming because of climate change, and this might be enough to push birds over

the edge," said Iknayan, who conducted the research for her doctoral thesis at UC Berkeley. "It seems like we are losing part of the desert ecosystem."

"The Mojave Desert is now nearly half empty of birds," said Beissinger, a UC Berkeley professor of environmental science, policy and management. "This appears to be a new baseline, and we don't know if it's stable or if it will continue to decline."

The researchers spent three years searching for birds at 61 locations on both sides of the border, including survey sites in the Spring Mountains and at Desert National Wildlife Refuge, just outside of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

They also surveyed sites across Death Valley and Joshua Tree national parks and Mojave National Preserve, Iknayan revisited the same sites UC Berkeley bi-

ologist Joseph Grinnell and his colleagues surveyed between 1908 and 1947.

Iknayan and Beissinger found that areas with reduced rainfall lost more birds species than sites that remained wetter. Their findings were published earlier this month in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Researchers are calling it a collapse because it has occurred across the entire desert bird community.

"Studies elsewhere have found that climate change typically makes places unfavorable for some birds but opens the door for others to come in," Iknayan said. "In the desert, we are not seeing increases in any of our species except for the common raven. There are a lack of climate change winners in the system." □

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MTV VMAs was a shocking event, for the wrong reasons

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — With most of music industry's top acts absent — from Beyoncé to Bruno Mars — the MTV Video Music Awards lacked star power and felt flat, and some of the winners turned heads — for the wrong reasons.

Exhibit A: Camila Cabello beat out Drake, Mars, Cardi B, Ariana Grande and Post Malone for artist of the year.

"I can't believe this is for me," Cabello said Monday onstage.

Neither can we.

Cabello achieved the unthinkable later in the show when she took home the top prize — video of the year — for "Havana." Cabello's song was a No. 1 hit and of the video-of-the-year nominees, "Havana" was the second-most viewed clip behind Drake's "God's Plan." But that's partly because "Havana" was released last year while the other videos came out this year.

It was the night's most shocking moment, and MTV seemed to send a message: You're punished for not showing up and rewarded for attending.

Grande won best pop and Post Malone took home the song of the year award. Drake, the most successful musician of the last year, didn't win a single award. Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Rihanna and Kendrick Lamar were restricted to technical honors like editing, art direction, cinematography and visual effects. And Gambino picked up best direction, choreography and video with a message for his heralded video, "This Is America."

The show hit another low when Jennifer Lopez, Cardi B and DJ Khaled won best collaboration for "Dinero" — a song that has peaked at No. 80 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart — besting the record-setting hit "Meant to Be" by Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line, and Mars and Cardi B's anthemic "Finesse" remix.

Then there was the Aretha Franklin tribute, a moment that Madonna made, well,



Camila Cabello accepts the award for video of the year as presenter Madonna looks on at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in New York.

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all about Madonna.

The pop icon rambled and rambled about the early struggles in her career, finally informing the crowd that she sang Franklin's "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" at an audition that became a breakthrough for her.

"None of this would have happened without our lady of soul," she said. "She led

me where I am today. ... I want to thank you Aretha for empowering all of us. ... Long live the queen." It wasn't clear if Madonna meant Franklin, or herself. At least MTV did play a clip of Franklin, who died last week, singing "I Say A Little Prayer."

The VMAs, at Radio City Music Hall in New York, also lacked oomph with

the performances throughout the night: Grande was a bore during "God Is a Woman," but added some excitement when she was joined by her mother, grandmother and cousin onstage at the end of the performance. Travis Scott, whose album is No. 1 for a second week, had strong energy while onstage, but the performance felt like it



Blake Lively and Anna Kendrick present the award for best pop video to Ariana Grande for "No Tears Left to Cry" at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in New York.

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belonged more to singer James Blake, who is featured on Scott's album and performed just as long as Scott during the segment. There were a few highlights. Maluma, the Colombian singer who was nominated twice in the best Latin category, had an exciting performance as he danced onstage with gyrating dancers. And Lopez started off slow — Kylie Jenner and Scott's unamused faces perfectly captured the vibe — but hit a strong stride when she sang old smashes like "Jenny from the Block" and "I'm Real" — where Ja Rule joined her onstage — and "All I Have," which showed the skilled dancer's vocal range.

But Lopez's speech was more stirring than her performance: She was emotional as she thanked her children and beau Alex Rodriguez onstage when she earned the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award for lifetime achievement.

She was teary-eyed and looked at her "two little angels," as she called them, and said, "I stand here stronger and better than ever ... so thank you Max and Emme." She called Rodriguez, who filmed her performance with his phone, "my twin soul."

"My life is sweeter and better with you in it," she said. Cardi B, who gave birth last month, won three awards and said people told her she was "gambling your career" when she decided to become a mother.

"I had the baby, I carried the baby and now I'm still winning awards," she said. She also seemed to take aim at Nicki Minaj, who while promoting her new album last week said other musicians have hired fans to listen to their music. Cardi said she's been blessed with fans "that you can't buy," looking into the camera and shouting an expletive.

Minaj won the first televised award — best hip-hop — and checked comedian Tiffany Haddish for dissing girl group Fifth Harmony, now on hiatus. □

'Crazy Rich Asians' hoopla elicits mixed feelings in Asia

By DEREK CAI

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — The craze for "Crazy Rich Asians" is hitting Asia, with a premiere in Singapore followed by openings in several neighboring countries later this week.

Much of the over-the-top romantic comedy was set in this wealthy city-state. As the stars streamed past flashing lights down the red carpet Tuesday evening, local fans and tourists swarmed around them taking photos and asking for selfies.

The movie is expected to draw enthusiastic crowds across Asia after its box-office bonanza in the U.S.

Directed by John M. Chu, the film was adapted from Singaporean author Kevin Kwan's best-selling novel of the same name. It follows Chinese-American Rachel Chu as she travels with her boyfriend Nick Young to Singapore to meet his family and discovers they are ultra-wealthy.

The movie is drawing a mixed reaction. Admirers of the film say that as the



Actor Henry Golding and his wife Liv Lo pose as they arrive for the red carpet screening of the movie "Crazy Rich Asians" on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, in Singapore.

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first majority Asian-cast film in over two decades to be released by a major Hollywood studio it upends Hollywood's usual stereotypes of Asian characters. Critics say it misses a chance to showcase the city's ethnic diversity.

The \$30 million Warner Bros. film has grossed more than

\$35 million since its Aug. 15 world debut in Los Angeles and came out tops with its release in U.S. theaters over the weekend.

"This (movie) is something very personal to people, and it feels like a bigger movement than just the movie itself," Chu, the di-

rector, told The Associated Press.

The film has drawn criticism for its inaccurate portrayal of Singapore's ethnic diversity, with some calling it a misrepresentation of the country's minority races. Even though a majority of its residents are Chinese, a quarter of its population are Malay, Indian, or Eurasians, with many migrant workers from surrounding countries like Bangladesh or the Philippines.

"There's this whole notion of the movie being a triumph for representation, which is very problematic. The only Indians and Malays you see are servants," said Nicholas Yong, a Singaporean journalist and author who saw the movie before its Singapore premiere.

Even though its glamorous depiction of Singapore could give its tourism a boost, it was not entirely welcomed. □

Peter Jackson's WWI film to premiere at London Film Festival



In this file photo dated Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, film director Peter Jackson poses for photographers at the World premiere of the Beatles movie, in London.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — "The Lord of the Rings" director Peter Jackson's new film — a documentary that transforms grainy footage from World War I into color — has a title and a world premiere date at the London Film Festival in October.

The festival said Tuesday that "They Shall Not Grow Old" will be screened in

London and at cinemas across Britain on Oct. 16, less than a month before the centenary of the war's end.

The Academy Award-winning director restored film from the Imperial War Museum using cutting-edge digital technology and hand coloring, pairing it with archive audio recol-

lections from veterans of the conflict.

Jackson said he wanted "wanted to reach through the fog of time and pull these men into the modern world, so they can regain their humanity once more." The film is part of the U.K. government-backed 14-18 Now project, which has presented works by more than 200 artists over four years to remember a conflict in which 20 million people died.

"Slumdog Millionaire" director Danny Boyle — who helmed the 2012 London Olympics opening ceremony — will create a mass-participation work to be performed on the anniversary of the Nov. 11, 1918, armistice that ended the war.

The London Film Festival opens Oct. 10 with Ste McQueen's heist thriller "Widows," and closes Oct. 21 with John S. Baird's Laurel and Hardy biopic "Stan And Ollie." □

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Los Angeles authorities looking into Asia Argento allegation

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NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities said Monday that they are looking into sexual assault allegations by a young actor against Italian actress Asia Argento — one of the most prominent activists of the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment. Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Darren Harris said investigators from his department will seek to talk to Jimmy Bennett or his representatives about the alleged incident at a Southern California hotel in 2013, when Bennett was 17.

The move comes in response to a New York Times story saying Argento, 42,



In this May 19, 2018 file photo, actress Asia Argento gestures during the closing ceremony of the 71st international film festival in Cannes, France.

Associated Press

settled a legal notice of intent to sue filed by Bennett, who is now 22, for \$380,000

shortly after she said last October that movie mogul Harvey Weinstein raped

her.

Argento and Bennett co-starred in a 2004 film called "The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things" in which Argento played Bennett's prostitute mother.

Bennett says in the notice that he had sex with Argento in the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Marina del Rey, California, in 2013. The age of consent in California is 18.

The notice says the encounter traumatized Bennett and hurt his career, the Times reported.

Investigators have learned no police report was filed at the time, Harris said.

The newspaper said it received court documents

that included a selfie of Argento and Bennett in bed. Three people familiar with the case said the documents were authentic, the Times reported.

In a statement to The Associated Press on Monday, a lawyer for Bennett said the actor "does not wish to comment on the documents or the events" at this time.

The statement asked for privacy and noted that Bennett would take "the next 24 hours, or longer, to prepare his response."

Representatives for Argento did not respond to a request from The Associated Press for comment. □

Gilbert O'Sullivan's 19th album even better than 1st

By PABLO GORONDI

Gilbert O'Sullivan, "Gilbert O'Sullivan" (BMG)

Gilbert O'Sullivan is still himself — reflective, sensitive and witty — on his 19th studio album, which often sounds like his 1971 debut, maybe even better.

If you haven't noticed any of O'Sullivan's new music over the past, oh, 40 years or so, you may think this is a comeback of sorts. In truth, the Ireland-born, England-raised O'Sullivan has been releasing records at what now counts as a fairly reg-

ular pace (every three or four years) for decades, with blessedly few detours into synthesizers and electronic drums.

Under the guidance of producer Ethan Johns (Paul McCartney, Laura Marling, Tom Jones), O'Sullivan achieves a sound here that's more straightforward but also richer, with Stephanie Jean's Hammond organ and Fender Rhodes, Paul Stacey's electric guitar, twin brother Jeremy Stacey's drums and Nick Pini's bass seamlessly enhancing

his acoustic piano.

There are plenty of highlights among the ballads, mid-tempo pop songs and even some faster-paced tunes, with most giving a clear idea of what they're about: "Love How You Leave Me," "I'll Never Love Again," "The Same The Whole World Over."

"What Is It About My Girl" is a steady trot with a funky lead guitar while "This Riff" is pure Jerry Lee Lewis, with multiple pianos and Chas Hodges (from Chas & Dave) on harmony vocals.

"No Head For Figures But Yours" continues O'Sullivan's knack for gentle rockers.

The sprightly "The Mind Boggles," in a Monty Python vein, and "Dansette Dreams And 45's," with an elegant string arrangement, could be a crusty curmudgeon's manifestos about driverless cars, youngsters' cell phone dependency and the current U.S. leader. O'Sullivan makes them about all that, too, but they're tempered by his reliably sweet-but-not-saccharine melodies and his natural delivery.



This cover image released by BMG shows the self-titled album for Gilbert O'Sullivan.

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Like with his old hits "Alone Again (Naturally)," "Get Down" or "What's In A Kiss," O'Sullivan is again back at the top of his game. □

Beating King of Pop, The Eagles have No.1 album of all-time

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eagles' greatest hits album has moonwalked past Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to become history's best-selling album of all-time in the U.S.

The Recording Industry Association of America told The Associated Press on Monday that the Eagles' album — "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975" — is now certified 38x platinum, which means sales and streams of the album have reached 38 million copies.

The album was released in 1976 and pushes Jackson's "Thriller," which is 33x platinum, to second place.

RIAA also said that the Ea-



In this Jan. 15, 2014, file photo, Don Henley, left, and Glenn Frey of The Eagles perform on the "History of the Eagles" tour at the Forum in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

gles' "Hotel California," released in 1977, is now 26x platinum and makes it the third best-selling album of all-time.

The last time RIAA tallied sales for the Eagles' greatest hits album was in 2006, when it said it was 29x platinum. Sales and streams for

"Thriller" were last updated last year.

"We are grateful for our families, our management, our crew, the people at radio and, most of all, the loyal fans who have stuck with us through the ups and downs of 46 years. It's been quite a ride," Don Henley said in a statement.

RIAA's platinum status was once equivalent to selling one million albums or songs, but in 2013 the company began incorporating streaming from YouTube, Spotify and other digital music services to determine certification for albums and songs.

Now 1,500 streams of an album is equivalent to an

album sale. Also, 10 song downloads = 1 album sale. The Eagles, who formed in Los Angeles in the early 1970s, mastered the mix of rock 'n' roll and country music, and the band's hits — including "Hotel California" and "Take It Easy" — became part of the soundtrack of that decade. They broke up in 1980, coming back together 14 years later with Henley and Glenn Frey being the only remaining original members. Frey died in 2016, but the Grammy-winning band remains on tour. The band was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1998 and received the Kennedy Center Honor in 2016. □

A border fence from ancient times: Hadrian's Wall in England

By JERRY HARMER

Associated Press

BRAMPTON, England (AP)

— "Looks like we brought the weather with us from California," the elderly tourist says, pulling on a hat and strolling past me. He disappears up a grass slope, beneath a brilliant, blue sky, his wife beside him.

It's the first of several American accents I hear that morning. Perhaps they've come to see what a real border fence looks like.

Because that's precisely what's drawn them, and me, to this remote and spectacular part of northern England: an imposing, defensive barrier meant to keep the bad guys out and the good guys safe.

At least, that's how the ancient Romans would have seen it.

Hadrian's Wall — named after the emperor who commissioned it — was begun in the second century, in the year 122. Soldiers toiled for a decade or so, piling stone upon stone until it stretched from coast to coast, across the very top of what's now northern England: a distance of 118 kilometers (73 miles).

It stood up to 4.6 meters high (15 feet) with walls 3 meters wide (9.8 feet). It bristled with towers, forts and watch posts, called milecastles, and gave commanding views of the



This July 3, 2018 photo shows the remains of stone abutments at Willowford, Cumbria, in northern England, that once supported an ancient bridge.

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surrounding countryside.

Trendy designers today like to talk of statement walls. This was, indeed, a statement wall. It was where civilization ended.

The wall let the Romans control who and what came into the empire. And it kept the peace. Beyond it were war-mongering communities in what is, today, Scotland, itching to ravage the settlements of

refined Roman Britain and bring down fire on the hated invaders.

Hadrian's Wall kept them out.

Almost 2,000 years on, long sections on Hadrian's Wall still stand, remarkably well-preserved.

The thick stone line snakes for miles across rugged uplands, and down into wooded valleys.

UNESCO named it a World

Heritage Site in 1987 for its "extraordinarily high cultural value."

My family and I start at the ruins of Birdoswald Fort, said by English Heritage, a charity that looks after historic sites, to have the most impressive remaining defenses of all the original 16 forts. We then follow the wall, in blazing sunshine, as it undulates eastward.

But they soon tire of this

huge slab of history, preferring the lure of a shady river bank and a packed lunch.

I go on alone, past the impressive remains of abutments that once supported a triple bridge across the River Irthing. The wall's thick spine ascends a hill ahead of me.

You are not meant to climb up on it, but I have an urge to connect. I run my hand against the sun-warmed stones; some a whitish-gray, others blackened by an eternity of wild, northern winters. I marvel that the last person to touch them, before me, was quite possibly the man who laid them, back when Hadrian's Wall marked the extreme northern edge of the Roman empire's vast reach.

Sitting on the edge of an escarpment, among the ruins of Harrow's Scar milecastle, a ruddy-faced walker is taking a breather. Bill Vincent is halfway through a six-day trek along the wall's entire length, coast to coast, "to mark the start of my 60th year."

I ask him whether he thinks about the history as he walks: the garrisons, shivering behind the ramparts; the tattooed tribal warriors, staring resentfully at this massive stone affront.

"Yes, you can't help but do that," he says, "but, to be honest, I think more about my feet." □



In this July 3, 2018 photo, a stretch of Hadrian's Wall cuts through the northern English countryside, near Birdoswald Fort, Cumbria.

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In this July 3, 2018 photo, two walkers stroll along part of Hadrian's Wall, near Birdoswald Fort, in Cumbria, northern England.

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